



**Waddesdon Village Primary School**  
**Pathway to Excellence**  
**Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter**  
**Autumn 2**



**Topic: The Victorians – ‘We are not amused!’**

*This term, we have planned many learning opportunities for your children to ensure that they are engaged and make good progress throughout the curriculum, including an educational visit to the Chiltern Open Air Museum to discover more about life in Victorian times. If there is anything that you wish to discuss please feel free to contact Mrs Morris or Mrs Swanson.*

**Weekly schedule**

Monday: Mrs Swanson teaching  
PE  
Hand in homework & reading records

Tuesday: Mrs Swanson teaching

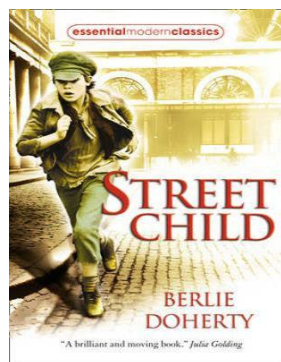
Wednesday: Mrs Swanson teaching am  
Mrs Jones and Exposure PE pm

Thursday: Mrs Morris teaching  
Times Tables test  
Homework given out

Friday: Mrs Morris teaching

**English**

Pupils will be reading 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty which links to our Victorian theme. During the term, pupils will be applying their knowledge about Victorian times, to



write a non-chronological report, having explored the relevant structure and language in sentence stacking lessons. In whole class reading sessions and through our core text, pupils will continue to develop reading comprehension strategies to help them

answer a range of different types of reading questions. Children will also take part in regular handwriting, spelling and SPaG lessons.

**Mathematics**

Children will continue to build on their previous learning from year 4, as well as learn a range of new mathematical skills. They will be learning about the relationship between addition and subtraction in terms of money; investigating negative numbers and efficient methods to multiply and divide. Pupils will continue to work on how to approach more complex varied fluency problems involving all four operations. Throughout these conceptual areas, pupils will have the opportunity to practice their problem solving and reasoning skills, in familiar and unfamiliar contexts, as well as being encouraged to explain their reasoning.

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**Science – Properties and Changes of Materials**

Pupils will be investigating the properties, including hardness, solubility, transparency and conductivity, of a variety of different materials, They will gain an understanding of how chemists test new materials and how materials have changed over time.



**Computing**

Pupils will explore spreadsheets and focus on converting measurements, using formulae and exploring possibility. Online bullying will be the focus of this term's online safety sessions.

**History**

Pupils will study Victorian Britain. They will be learning about what it was like to be a child in Victorian Britain, the divide between the rich and poor and what a Victorian Christmas was like. Pupils will consider children's rights and how they were different to their own.



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| <p><b>PE</b><br/> Hockey: During Monday PE lessons, led by the class teacher, children will be developing their skills which will lead towards a match.<br/> Tag Rugby: During Wednesday PE lessons, led by an Exposure Sports coach, the children will be developing their rugby skills.</p>   | <p><b>Music</b><br/> Children will learn about looping and remixing in music this half term.</p>   |                         |                               |                         |                      |                          |                                    |                          |                  |                          |                  |                          |                  |                          |  |
| <p><b>DT</b><br/> Pupils will be exploring and cooking Victorian food. They will focus on the difference in diet between the rich and poor during this time period. Towards Christmas, pupils will be learning about traditional Christmas foods that the Victorians ate.</p>   | <p><b>RE</b><br/> During RE this term, pupils will be studying Christianity. They will look at the origins of Christmas as a Christian festival and how it is celebrated. The children will learn about the nativity and its importance to the religion.</p>   |                         |                               |                         |                      |                          |                                    |                          |                  |                          |                  |                          |                  |                          |  |
| <p><b>PSHE</b><br/> This half term, pupils will be following the Kapow scheme of work. Pupils will be learning about their health and well-being, including the importance of rest, responsibility for their own emotions, accepting setbacks and strategies to manage their feelings.</p>  | <p><b>MFL</b><br/> During French this half term, pupils will continue to study the Rigalo scheme of work and be taught by a specialist French teacher. Pupils will be learning how to describe their school day including: naming subjects, say what they like and dislike and talking about the timings of their day.</p> |                         |                               |                         |                      |                          |                                    |                          |                  |                          |                  |                          |                  |                          |  |
| <p><b>How you can support your child at home?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Show them how you read for pleasure and discuss how reading helps you each day.</li> <li>• Use the activity passport in the back of your child's reading log for activity ideas.</li> <li>• Encourage children to present their homework neatly and to use legible, joined handwriting.</li> <li>• Pupils knowledge of times tables and number bonds are vital for pupils to be able to be successful in mathematics. If your child struggles with these, encourage them to continue to practice through Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots several times each week.</li> <li>• To further enrich your child's learning and to link with our themes, you may wish to cook at home together, considering weights and measures and calculating the cost of ingredients.</li> </ul> |  |                         |                               |                         |                      |                          |                                    |                          |                  |                          |                  |                          |                  |                          |  |
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