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



Topic: The Victorians – 'We are not amused!'

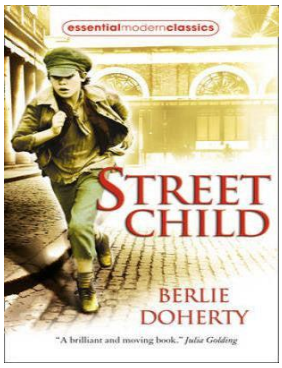
This term, we have planned many learning opportunities for your children to ensure that they are engaged and make good progress throughout the curriculum, including an educational visit to the Chiltern Open Air Museum to discover more about life in Victorian times as well as experiencing a Victorian-style Christmas in school on the last Monday of term.
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 Patel and Exposure PE pm
Thursday:	Mrs Morris teaching 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 activities.



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 develop their skills to support their understanding and creating of databases. Privacy and security will be explored in our online safety session.

History

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

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PE
During Monday PE lessons, led by the class teacher, children will be developing their gymnastic skills with the focus being 'flight'. During Wednesday PE lessons, led by an Exposure Sports coach, the children will be developing their hockey skills.

Music
Children will focus on the 'Three pop chord' unit. This will include playing a bass line following a given pattern, playing a simple chord sequence in time to a backing track, singing and performing.

DT

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.

RE
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.

PSHE
This half term, pupils will be exploring families, healthy friendships and how to be respectful and assertive.



MFL

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.

How you can support your child at home?

- Encourage children to present their homework neatly and to use legible, joined handwriting.
- Show them how you read for pleasure and discuss how reading helps you each day. Encourage them to write in their reading record themselves and hand this in every Monday.
- Use the activity passport in the back of your child's reading record for activity ideas.
- 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.
- 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.

Important Dates:

Tue 3rd Nov	Chiltern Open Air Museum Trip
Wed 11th Nov	PAWS school disco
Thu 12th Nov	Class 5 open afternoon for parents
Fri 13th Nov	Children in Need
Fri 4th Dec	PAWS Christmas outfit day
Fri 11th Dec	PAWS Winter Warmer
Mon 15th Dec	Victorian Christmas & dress up
Tues 15th Dec	Christmas dinner TBC
Fri 18th Dec	Key Stage 2 'party day' and last day of term

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