

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school after the Easter break!

In **Class 2**, we'll be setting off on a fantastic learning journey this term as we explore our '**Valiant Victorians**' topic!

We'll be finding out about how people's lives were different in Victorian times with a particular focus on travel, homes and schools. After half term, we will focus heavily on India as Victoria was Empress of India. We will be having a Victorians Day as well as a few India days to explore our topic in more depth.

Homework will be set via the homework grid which will be handed out and available on our class page. It will be due in on **Friday 21st May 2021** and **Friday 9th July**. In addition, maths homework will be set each week on a **Friday to be completed by the following Friday**.

We'll continue to practice our year 2 common exception words and times tables. Please practice these at home so the children have more confidence with them in class.

PE will be on a **Wednesday**.



Main Activities/Outcomes	How you can help at home/useful information
<u>English</u> We'll be writing a story based on the Victorian tale of 'The Selfish Giant' and a report about our Victorians Day. We'll write an information leaflet about India (linked to Victoria being Empress of India) We'll have a go at creating some 'train poems'! We'll be working hard to improve our reading comprehension skills!	Read with your child as often as possible! This can include them reading to you and you reading to them! Work on the year 2 spellings you are given for the half term. Ensure your child uses the school's pre-cursive style when they write.
<u>Maths</u> We will start the term revising all of the year's learning on the 4 operations and securing our methods. Then we will move on to work on measure and fractions before finishing with shape and statistics.	Keep learning the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables! Practice number bonds to 10 and 20. Read analogue clocks to the nearest 5 minutes.
<u>Science</u> We'll be learning about different materials and their properties. We'll be thinking about humans and other animals (linked to Queen Victoria's pets) and what they need in order to survive.	Talk about what items around your home are made of and why. What are the properties of the materials (e.g. soft, transparent)? Talk about the basic needs we all have (food, drink, warmth, shelter). Relate it to any pets you have at home.
<u>History & Geography</u> We'll be India and the different geographical features there. We will be comparing New Delhi (India) with London. We'll be finding out about the life of Queen Victoria and how homes and schools were different in Victorian times. We'll learn about the development of the railways.	Find the UK and India on a world map or globe. Find out about special landmarks in London. Do some research into the life of Queen Victoria and discover how ordinary homes were different in Victorian times. Learn about how travel has changed in the past 200 years.
<u>Art/DT</u> We'll be designing and making vehicles. We'll do some Indian artwork & create our own Victorian tea boxes!	Look and discuss art you like and the reasons why. Make moving vehicles using recyclable materials.

<p><u>ICT</u> We'll be practicing our coding using the iPads. We will also be creating presentations using text, photos, video.</p>	<p>Teach your child how to stay safe online. Encourage your child to type using a keyboard at home.</p>
<p><u>RE/PSHE</u> We'll be learning about Hinduism as it is the main religion in India. We will compare it with Christianity. We will be looking at how to keep our bodies healthy and about the way it works which we'll link to PE</p>	<p>Encourage your child to talk about their feelings, hopes and fears.</p> <p>What places are special to them? What beliefs do they have?</p>
<p><u>PE</u> We'll be focusing on our athletics skills during the first half term with throwing, running and catching. In the second half term, we will move on to striking and fielding games.</p>	<p>Does your child know why exercise is important? What exercise do they like to do the most? Why?</p>

Within class, we'll continue to award family points for effort, behaviour and great learning.

Should you need anything, please don't hesitate to get in contact.

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