

# Home School Liaison

## Venables

## Spring Term 2

Mr Dilworth & Mrs Canavan



**Spring Term 2 Focus Theme: History, The Victorians**

**Focus Reading Text: The Vile Victorians**

**Recommended Websites: BBC Bitesize, Times table rockstars, Mathletics, Purple Mash, and Scratch.**

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### Our Curriculum:

(Curriculum overview is on the school website).

**Reading & Writing:** This term we will be covering a variety of writing styles. We will start with a piece of historical fiction set in the Victorian times, then a biography of a famous Victorian and finally a piece of classical poetry.

Reading in school is an important part of the day, the children spend at least 20 minutes reading independently each day and complete age appropriate comprehension questions every Monday. We will also read our class novel together at the end of the day and discuss what we have read and make predictions base on this.

**Mathematics:** This half term our focus is Fractions, Decimals, Percentages and measurement.

**RE:** Why do Christians celebrate the Eucharist? Why do Christians believe Easter is a celebration of Victory?

**Computing:** Digital photography

### Home Learning:

**Reading:** In order to be competent readers, children need to read regularly at home and school. Parents are asked to encourage their children to read regularly and read for pleasure. We ask parents to sign and date reading diaries every time you hear your child read and ensure books are in school daily. Reading diaries will be checked in school and we expect a minimum of three entries/comments a week. This is an ideal opportunity to question your child on their understanding of the text, to improve their comprehension skills and vocabulary. These books are intended as 'home' readers as the children read a separate text in their English lessons. Book club is a huge part of Year 5 and 6 so please make sure it is completed at home and brought into school on the requested day.

**Spelling:** Spellings will be given to children every Monday, the children need to learn the spelling rule and also be able to put those words into a sentence.

**Times Tables:** Children should now know all of their multiplication tables so practice using times table rockstars will reinforce their understanding.

#### What we are learning ...

In what ways is Christ's death and resurrection a victory? What is Jesus victorious over and why? How does this victory affect us today? What did Jesus do to save human beings?

To be able to take a digital photograph and edit it using software on laptops and tablets.

<b>Science: Electricity</b>	How electricity is created, how it gets into our homes, how we can create simple circuits and understanding the symbols used in circuit diagrams.
<b>Art &amp; Design: Editing digital images</b>	How can we edit an image using software to make it useful for our writing genre?
<b>History: The Victorians</b>	Who were the Victorians and why were they so important?
<b>Music: Guitars</b>	Wednesday afternoons, remember to bring in your guitar. Lessons are delivered by Mr Gallagher from Lancashire Music service.
<b>PSHE: Money management, Enterprise</b>	Understand the importance of money. Understand that needs and wants are different things. Respect for money.
<b>PE: Athletics</b>	Friday afternoon taken by West Lancashire Sports Partnership.
<b>Forest School:</b>	A date will be confirmed.
<b>Theme Weeks/Days: Victorian day</b>	<b>Topic Homework: See home learning ideas sheet for more details.</b>

## Reminders:

**PE:** PE takes place on Tuesday and Friday. Children are expected to wear PE kit consisting of a white T-shirt, navy shorts and a pair of black pumps. Outdoor PE kit should also be school: navy jogging/tracksuit bottoms, navy hoody, trainers. These should be named and kept in a drawstring bag. PE kits are returned before every holiday to be washed and should be returned to school on the day we return from holidays.

**Extra Curricular Activities:** We strive to provide a wide range of activities for children to take part in. Parents will be notified of what these clubs are and how to access them through letters or the weekly Newsletter.

**School Uniform:** Please ensure that children wear the correct uniform and look smart. All items of clothing should be named. Shoes should be sensible and black. Please ensure children have weather appropriate outer wear as children go outside as often as possible. Hair accessories should be consistent with the school uniform colours i.e. navy blue or grey.

**Attendance and Punctuality:** Good attendance and punctuality are extremely important. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school please notify Chrissy. School doors open at 8.50am. Registration is prompt at 8.55am. If your child is late then they must enter school via the school office. Termly 100% Attendance is celebrated at the last worship of term and at the Leaver's worship at the end of the school year.

**Parking:** Parking in the school car park is strictly prohibited at all times. Please be mindful of our neighbours when parking on Back Lane or in the village.

Thank you for all your support. We look forward to an exciting term ahead.