

# Year 3/4 Curriculum – Summer 1

## History/Geography

Queen Victoria ruled from the early age of 18 and spent 64 years ruling Britain. We will be looking at how life in Britain changed over this period and the many great inventions that were created through the Victorian era. The rural way of life that had existed for centuries was being swept away by the Industrial Revolution. We will look at how these changes affected the lives of people. We will also be comparing our school life to that of Victorian schoolchildren.

## English

In English, we will be learning about Charles Dickens and some of the stories that he wrote. *Oliver Twist* is the first story that we will look at, thinking about what life was like for both rich and poor people, in Victorian times. We will be writing character descriptions and stories, based in the Victorian era, moving on to diary writing. We will also be reading some other stories set in the Victorian era.

## P.E.

In PE, we will be leaving the school gates and heading to the swimming pool, focusing on perfecting our swimming strokes. Back at school, we will be learning skills of cricket, tennis and tag rugby.

## Art

Claude Monet is our focus for this term's art. We will begin our artistic journey by looking at Monet's work and studying impressionism. We will be creating our own interpretations, using colour and style.

## Character Education/PSHE

We will be exploring Healthy Relationships and Feelings and Emotions in our PSHE lessons and through Character Education we will be focussing on courtesy to others and determination.

## Victorious Victorians



## Maths

Our super mathematicians will be firstly looking at adding and subtracting fractions. We will then learn about recognising, writing and comparing decimals and fractions. Lastly, we will explore time and conversions.

## Science

How do things work? One of the key inventions in the Victorian era was the use of electricity. In our Science lessons, we will be learning about how electricity is used and creating our own working circuits. We will also be looking at conductors and insulators, experimenting with different materials and whether electrical currents can pass through them.

## RE

In RE, we are going on a journey, to learn all about pilgrimages. We will be focussing on Judaism, Christianity and the Islamic faith, looking at important sites that are visited. We will also be looking at the impact of the environment.

## French

Les Quatre Amis 'The Four Friends' is our French focus this term.

## Music

This term we are focusing on Buildings and China.

## Computing

In computing this term, we will be trying to create a musical sequence. We will focus on building a whole piece, with many different sections, for effect.