

## Year 6 Spring Term 1 2022

### English:

This term, our focus text will be the fantasy novel, '**The Nowhere Emporium**' by Ross Mackenzie. This will be our main class reader in guided reading sessions as well as a stimulus for some creative fantasy writing.

Further reading/writing opportunities will include-

- Extracts from classic stories – '**Oliver Twist**' by **Charles Dickens** and a link with instruction writing.
- Biographies of key Victorian figures.
- Narrative poetry, choral and performance poetry- '**The Ning Nang Nong**' by **Lewis Carol**.
- Work around our topic of Evolution in science – with a focus on the text, '**Moth- An Evolution Story**' by Isabel Thomas, (such as explanation texts and poetry).

Grammar and spelling learning will be ongoing throughout the term as well as developing specific reading domain skills.

### Mathematics:

This term we will be focusing on the following areas in mathematics

- **decimals**
- **percentages**
- **algebra**

We will also continue to revise topics previously taught and continue to develop our confidence with arithmetic.

### RE:

This half term, our learning in RE will focus on '**Who did Jesus say 'I AM?'**' and '**What does the Bible say about friendships and relationships?'**

### Topic- History

Our topic work throughout this half-term, will focus on how Britain has changed since the Victorian times and the influence of the Victorian era on our lives today.

We will learn about:

- **key events in the Victorian timeline,**
- **Queen Victoria and her family tree. We will also focus on Kings and Queens since the reign of Queen Victoria,**
- **Victorian society - poor and rich,**
- **the Industrial Revolution,**
- **Victorian inventions and how they impact our lives today,**
- **Brunel, transport and bridges,**
- **Victorian schools,**
- **our local area during the Victorian time (link with the Chiddingfold Archive).**

Year 6 will also participate in a Victorian School Day (dressed up in costumes from the era) as well as baking goods for a Victorian afternoon tea.

### Science:

As scientists, we will be exploring **Evolution and Inheritance**.

This will include-

- recognising that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago
- recognising that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents
- identifying how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.
- learning about the life and works of Charles Darwin, linking with our work on the Victorians.

# Full Steam Ahead!

Who were the Victorians and how did they influence our lives today?

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### Art:

In the first half of the term, Year 6 will be learning about printing based on the work of famous Victorian artists, such as **Thomas Bewick** and **William Morris**. Children will create their own printing blocks and print their own Morris style wallpaper/fabrics.

We will also be learning about perspective by studying the work of **L.S Lowry** and creating our own drawings based on his style.

### PSHE:

Our focus in PSHE will be thinking about **Dreams and Goals**.

### Music:

We will be exploring Victorian musical gadgets and listening to various songs and music from this time. We will explore street cries and compose our own. We will listen to and respond to Victorian Music Hall songs as well as learning songs from the musical 'Oliver'.

### Computing:

Year 6 will be developing their understanding of how to keep safe online -linking with **Safer Internet Day in February**.

We will also be linking our computing skills to our work in English and publishing our own fantasy/adventure stories using **Purple Mash 2Create a Story programme**.

French: This term, we will be learning about **time** in French, such as days of the week, months of the year etc.

### PE:

For the first part of this term, we will be completing indoor games and **circuit training**.

We will be learning to play **hockey** during outdoor PE.

Malawi: We will continue to communicate with our link school in Kapira and throughout the Spring Term, we will take part in the Starfish Malawi **Health Walk project**. Year 6 will also be learning about **African Elephants** linked with our WWF adopted elephant- finding out about conservation and protection of this species.

Our values:

Hope

Community

Respect

Community