

### English:

In English lessons we will be focusing on writing a range of text types this half term. We will be reading Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens and using this to inspire our writing!

We will be practising:

- Describing settings and characters from a text.
- Writing from different characters' points of view.
- Using paragraphs correctly.
- Using punctuation to separate clauses in our sentences.
- Proof reading and editing our work.
- Assessing our own and others' writing for its effectiveness.

### PE:

In our outside PE sessions, we will be honing our football skills with Mr Cutts, looking at different techniques and playing matches. We will also be doing gymnastics with Miss Mcleish.

### Science – Electricity

Our science unit focuses around electricity. We will be exploring the different components of a circuit, as well as which components we need in order for electricity to travel effectively.

We will consolidate our knowledge of circuit symbols, and practise making our own circuits with the right equipment.

### RE – Walk through the Bible:

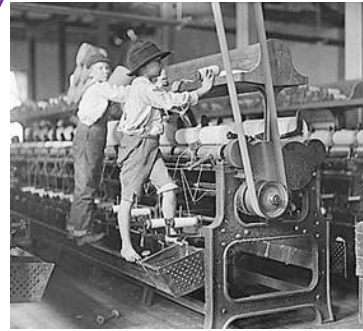
The children will be partaking in the programme 'Walk through the Bible' which has been bringing the Bible to life for children in primary schools. The focus this half term is on stories from the Old Testament and the sessions are creatively led with opportunities for drama, art and music.

### Art & Design:

We will be using the technique of printing, sketching, drawing and painting to imitate the intricate work of William Morris and Paul Frecker.

### Food Technology:

In the workhouse, gruel was the meal of choice. We will plan some healthy and tasty porridge recipes to improve the taste of oats and water!



### Computing: Communicating systems and networks

We will be learning about communication and collaboration.

We will explore how data is transferred over the internet and learn about the makeup and structure of data packets.

### Humanities:

We will be:

- Placing the Victorians in British history chronologically.
- Learning about the Victorians as a 'period' in history and how people's lives were different then, with a focus on children
- Using historical terms and vocabulary accurately.
- Using a range of sources to help us to construct knowledge of how children lived in the Victorian times.

## Hard Times: The Victorians

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*To make this topic even more relevant, and ensure the knowledge sticks, the children will take part in an immersive Victorian day!*

### Maths:

We will be focussing on the following areas in our maths lessons this half term:

- Place value – being able to read, write, order and round numbers up to and including 10,000,000
- Being able to identify common factors, common multiples and prime numbers
- Adding and subtracting larger numbers (three and four digits) using a written column method
- Using written methods for multiplication and division

### Spanish:

We will building on our current learning and finding out Geographical features in Spanish.

### Music:

We will be continuing to learn the Steel Pans with Mr Campbell, developing our skills from Year Five. In class, our topic is 'World Unite'. We will explore rhythm and melody, and will learn about beat, syncopation, pitch and harmony.

### Personal, Health, Social and Citizenship:

Our unit is 'Being Me in My World'. We will learn about being a global citizen and how our actions can affect others. This links with the British Values of democracy and mutual respect and tolerance for those of different faiths and beliefs.