

English

In English, we will be reading an abridged version of the classic tale, Oliver Twist. Owls will be exploring what life would have been like in a workhouse and using adventurous vocabulary to describe the conditions. We will be looking at extending our sentences with conjunctions and writing command sentences in the role of the workhouse master. All these new skills will then be applied to their own historical Victorian stories.

ICT and Computing

We will be learning to create a game with moving sprites, and how to turn a story algorithm into a multi-scene story. We will be learning what algorithms are; how they are implemented as programs on digital devices; and that programs execute by following precise and unambiguous instructions. We will create and debug simple programs and use logical reasoning to predict the behaviour of simple programs.

Science

Our Science topic this half term is Materials. We will be learning about the properties of every day materials and talk about why certain materials might be best for certain jobs. We will be investigating questions such as "What is the best material for a waterproof jacket for our toy?" and "which chocolate melts the quickest?"

Together we will come up with tests that explore these things and help us learn more about the world around us.

Art/Design and Technology

This half term the Owls will be learning how to sew a simple pre-punched puppet using a plastic needle and wool. We will be inspired by the Victorian Punch and Judy puppet shows that used to entertain holiday makers at the sea side!



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Pioneers

Physical Education

In PE we will be developing our skills of dribbling, kicking and hitting using a variety of bats and balls. We will be developing new skills relevant to specific games and learning to apply basic tactics and strategies for attacking play. We will be encouraging each other to work cooperatively with others or as part of a team. Lastly we will be evaluating how we have improved.

Mathematics

This half term we will be focussing on multiplication and division. We will start by revisiting arrays and talking about how we can represent multiplication problems, before moving on to learning more ways to solve them; including number lines, repeated addition and using practical resources. We will touch on how multiplication is commutative, and can be done in any way. After this, we will apply what we have learned to help us understand and solve division problems.

Topic

Our topic this half term is named 'Pioneers.' This centers around the inventions created in the Victorian times, such as the first light bulb and steam locomotive. We will then look at the impact these had on everyday lives, focusing particularly on how the steam train allowed people to travel to the seaside. We will be comparing Victorian seaside holidays with the holidays we take in present times and will finish the topic off with a fun Victorian seaside topic day!



Learning for a lifetime

Ways to support the learning

- Read regularly with your child. We recommend five times a week.
- Read the tricky words in your red book daily with your child.
- Practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.
- Practise counting forwards and backwards to 100.
- Find mathematics in everyday things, such as shapes, learning with money or fractions when sharing foods.