



Year 6 Newsletter

Term Three - Victorians

Welcome back to Term 3. The year is going so quickly and it is hard to believe that we are into 2023 already! Last term we studied a fascinating topic all about prejudice. The children showed great empathy and understanding of this topic. It fits in very well with the British Values we look at on a regular basis. The children were really engaged in our book 'Once' by Morris Gleitzman and produced some excellent writing. In the run up to SATs, it is really important that our children complete all the homework that is being set. Please see below for the homework expectations of our children.

This term's topic is called 'The Victorians' and is one of our favourite history topics! The children will experience a day in the Victorian schools and learn all about the reign of Queen Victoria.

We are still continuing the use of our email address for any non-urgent correspondence. Of course, you can still call the school or speak to one of the staff on the gate for any pressing matters. The address is year6@standensbarn.org.uk Please just bear with us when awaiting a reply - we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Literacy

As we move towards our SATs tests, we will continue our keen focus on reading and spelling, punctuation and grammar. However, our normal literacy units will continue. We will be studying the text 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty and create character descriptions. We are also going to be creating biographies of Queen Victoria which will detail her incredible life and reign in British history.

Maths:

This term we will be completing our second unit of fractions before looking at algebra, measure and perimeter and area. We will continue to focus on the reasoning aspect of maths by using White Rose Maths which is proving to be very successful. Each day's maths lesson is also put on Google Classroom the previous evening to give children access to the learning before the lesson.

Science

In Term 3 we will be studying the unit 'Interdependence and Adaptation.' In this unit we will look at how evolution has contributed to the adaptation of species on our planet. They will look at the work of Charles Darwin and how his studies have enabled us to understand the world today.

PSHE

Year 6 will continue to look at empathy and how they care for themselves and each other. They will also look at wellbeing and the importance of talking to each other and adults when they have something that is worrying them.

DT

This term the children will focus on textiles when uses needles and thread to create a Victorian tapestry. They will learn the art of embroidery and create their own patterns based on their own designs.

Computing

In computing this term, the children will be learning about using Microsoft Excel which will allow them to understand how to use and create spreadsheets effectively.

History

The basis of our topic is all about history. We will look at primary and secondary sources and use them to discover all about this historical period. We will study the Poor Law and understand how difficult it was for people in the workhouses during that period.

PE:

PE will continue to be on Wednesday afternoons for specific children which has been communicated via email. Some children will continue to have their PE lessons through swimming on Thursdays. The PE in school this term is gymnastics so please ensure that children having PE on Wednesday's come in their indoor PE kit.

Music:

This term the children will be learning about music from the Victorian period. Music became very popular during this period and we will look at how this links to the music of today.

Helping your child at home:

Children in Year 6 are expected to complete their weekly homework tasks to earn their golden time each week. This includes weekly spellings, reading at least twice and recording on BOOM Reader and completing the maths work set for them. Homework is expected to be completed by the following days so that children can receive their full golden time.

Spellings: Our spelling tests are on Friday mornings with children receiving their new spellings the same day. These are all on Google Classroom and the week's spellings will be communicated each week.

Reading: Reading records are collected on Friday mornings. This term we will be posting reading each evening in preparation for the next day's learning. Children can record this as a read on Boom reader.

Maths: Maths homework will be set on Thursdays and be expected to be completed by the following Thursday. This will be a mixture of MyMaths and arithmetic questions. We also post the maths videos for the next day on Google Classroom. These videos are about ten minutes long and give the children the opportunity to consolidate learning in preparation for the next day.

Children are given the opportunity to do their homework in school if necessary with support from class teachers.