

### English

This half term we will begin with a unit on Classical Narrative Poetry looking at the poem 'Timothy Winters' by Charles Causley. We will then be completing our work around the novel 'Streetchild' by Berlie Doherty. The children will write historical story settings. They will write diaries, letters and character descriptions linked to the book. There will be a strong focus on developing our vocabulary. We will perform scripted scenes making use of dramatic conventions. We will write a diary entry about life in The Workhouse and a non – chronological report about Britain in the Victorian Times. We will be comparing 'Streetchild' with the film Oliver Twist.

### Maths

Maths continues to follow the Lancashire Red Rose Mastery Planning with a focus on fluency, reasoning and problem solving skills. TT Rockstars will be used within school and as part of homework to support learning.

### PE / Outdoor Learning

Forest School will take place fortnightly on a Friday  
Dates can be seen on the class newsletters.

Swimming will take place every Monday

Indoor PE will take place every Wednesday - This half term we are looking at gymnastic skills.

### PSHCE

PSHCE is taught weekly. Our topic is 'Keeping Safe' We will be continuing to work on learning our British Values through Picture News and focussing on our Rights Respecting School Articles. The Life Education Van will visit this half term.

## **The Victorians – Dark Age or Golden Age? Part 1 Wonderful Willows - Spring 1**

### Science Evolution and Inheritance

We will learn:

To recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago.

To recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents.

To identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.

### ICT

Blogging - Children will investigate, plan, design and create a blog. Children will learn about internet safety when blogging and will become contributors to secure blogs.

### RE

The children will be learning about Christianity and the Christian concept of a fair and loving God.

### MUSIC

Exploring key & time signatures - How does music improve our world?

### ART

Our artist this half term is William Morris - we will be looking at his work on repeated patterns and printing.

### DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Electronics - Creating electrical circuits.

### History and Geography -The Victorians 1

We will be investigating the following key questions:

When was the Victorian period?

Who was Queen Victoria?

Which famous inventions came from the Victorian Era?

What was the Industrial Revolution and how did it change Britain?

What was life like for working Victorian children?

Who were Lord Shaftesbury and Dr Barnado - why were they important? What was their legacy?

How did the Victorians respond to the invention of the Railways?

Which countries were part of the Commonwealth during the Victorian Period?

Which are now? Why?