

### English

This half term we will be completing our work around the novel 'Kasper - Prince of Cats' by Michael Morpurgo. The children will be learning about the Titanic. They will write information texts about the ship, research real life passengers who were on board, write diary entries and look at flashback in narrative. Daily grammar and guided reading sessions will accompany our English lessons. We will then be studying classical poetry focussing on the Thomas Hardy poem 'The Convergence of the Twain'. We will be writing our own descriptive poetry using simile and metaphor.

### Maths

Maths continues to follow the Lancashire Planning Syllabus 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. Key skills will focus on consolidating times - extended tables knowledge, mental calculation strategies, statistics, adding and subtracting up to one million, multiplication and division, fractions and decimals, angles, symmetry and translation.

### PSHCE

PSHCE is taught weekly. Our topic is 'Growing and Changing' Please see the separate letter on the class page. We will be continuing to work on learning our British Values through Picture News and focussing on our Rights Respecting School Articles.

## **'What the Dickens was life like in the Victorian Times?' Wonderful Willows - Summer 2**

### PE / Outdoor Learning

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

Outdoor PE - Outdoor PE will take place on a Friday and we will be focussing on Athletics, enabling us to be prepared for this year's Sports Day.

### Science

In our Science lessons we will be: Describing the stages of human growth, Investigating sexual and asexual reproduction in plants and animals, Explaining how babies grow, Describing the main changes that occur during puberty, Describing changes which happen during old age and investigating the gestational periods of animals including humans We will also be covering materials; reversible and irreversible changes. We will give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic. We will also, explain that some changes result in the formation of new materials, and that this kind of change is not usually reversible.

### ICT

The children will have a designated ICT slot each week where they will be looking at Concept Maps

### RE

The children will be learning about Moses through our 'People of God' unit.

### MUSIC

We will be following the Lancashire Music Service unit 'Dancing in the Street'

### ART / DT

We will be continuing our work on Victorian Art and the Seaside. We will visit Bury Art Gallery to complete our own artwork.

We will be creating Victorian embroidery samplers

### Geography and History Lancashire in the Victorian Times

We will be investigating the following key questions in Geography and History:

What was the impact of the Industrial Revolution in Lancashire?  
What happened to the population of Rossendale during the Industrial Revolution?  
What were the main industries of Rossendale during the Industrial Revolution?  
Where were the Rossendale Workhouses?  
How did the invention of the railways impact industry in general and in Lancashire?  
How did the invention of the railways impact the leisure time of workers in Lancashire?  
What was life like for soldiers in the Victorian Times?