

Welcome to Foxes Class.

We are Year 4 and 5.

This term our Learning Journey is called Revolution and we will be learning all about the Victorians!

Our focus text this term is *Son of the Circus- A Victorian Story*. In English, we will be writing Biographies about famous Victorians and, using our focus text, we are going to write diary entries as if we were the main character.

This term in maths, we will be covering the following topics: place value, addition and subtraction.

How things have changed! In History, we will be looking at life during Victorian times. We'll learn what it was like at home and school for Victorian children, we'll discover what happened during the Industrial Revolution and learn about significant inventions.

In Science, we will be looking at Electricity and exploring Thomas Edison's invention of the lightbulb.

In Art, we will be copying the style of famous Victorian paintings, we'll experiment with block printing techniques and learn about the artist William Morris.

In PSHE, we will be looking at rights and responsibilities. More specifically, Human rights and the role of local and national Government.

In RE, our Christianity unit is called People of God and we will be learning what is it like for someone to follow God.

In computing, we will be looking at coding and in PE, our topics are gymnastics and circuits.

Help your child prepare for their project:

The Victorian era influenced the way we live now in many ways. Why not visit a local museum to learn about what Victorians' lives were like in your area? You could also visit the library to find out about local Victorian history. Alternatively, make a timeline of key events in the Victorian period.

Try this at home:

Make some simple Victorian recipes, such as Apple Charlotte, Banbury cakes and custard patties. Create a recipe book using photos of your creations.

Find out about Victorian railways using Bradshaw's Guide (bradshawsguide.org). Read the town descriptions in the original guides and find out how much these places have changed using modern information sources.

Find out about life as a child worker in factories and coal mines or as chimney sweeps and scullery maids. Write a 'Day in the Life of a...' diary entry and add illustrations

Useful Links : Below are some links to websites with useful information linked to our topic

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/victorians.html>

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/members-area/kids/guide-to-victorians/>

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/general-history/victorian-facts/>

<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/Victorian-Age/476331>

Next Term – Our topic next term is Frozen Kingdom.