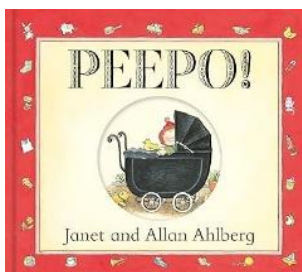
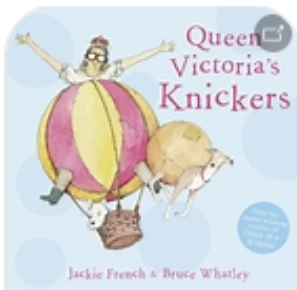


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Our topic for this half term is 'The Victorians.'

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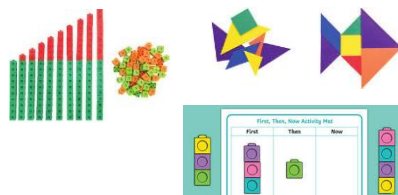
This half term the children will explore the texts *Peepo* and *Queen Victoria's Knickers*, using them to develop both their reading and writing skills. They will begin by discussing the stories and characters, making observations and asking questions about what they notice. Alongside this, they will research interesting facts about Queen Victoria to deepen their understanding of the historical context. Using this knowledge, the children will create a missing poster, think of their own questions about the texts, and write descriptive sentences inspired by the characters and events. This will help to build their creativity, vocabulary, and comprehension skills.



Maths

Reception – In maths, Reception children will be doing units of work from our White Rose Maths scheme. These are: To 20 and beyond, How many now? And Manipulate, compose decompose.

They will practise counting, recognising, and working with numbers past 20, as well as exploring how quantities change when objects are added or taken away. Through hands-on activities, they will learn to manipulate shapes and understand how they can be composed and decomposed into pictures, helping to build a strong foundation in number sense and problem-solving skills.

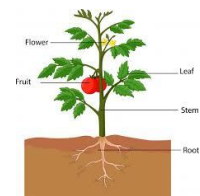


This term in Year 1, the children are focusing on: Multiplication and Division – counting in 2's, 5's and 10's, recognizing and making equal groups. We will then learn about fractions – find half of a shape and numbers, then a quarter of a shape and numbers.



Science / Understanding the World

This term, our Year 1 scientists are going to continue learning all about plants. Children will learn to identify, name and describe a variety of garden and wild plants as well as evergreen and deciduous trees. In their final lesson, the children will use all of their knowledge gained throughout the topic to identify, compare and classify plants. They will then go on to learn about seasonal changes and how the weather, plants, animals and the clothes worn change from season to season. We will observe and identify signs of spring and summer and make observations and record changes in the weather.



Phonics

Children have been put into groups which are also now on Dojo. Each group will focus on the sounds and learning to meet their individual needs.



History/Understanding the World

We will learn all about the Victorians. We will then know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now. We will draw on our own experiences and what we have listened to in class.

We will be able to answer the questions:

What were Victorian schools and homes like?

What were Victorian toys like?

What was it like to live in Victorian times?

What was the wash house (at Holy Trinity) used for?



Design & Technology

Victorian Pop-Up Puppet
Firstly, we will explore mechanisms: slider mechanisms, lever pop-ups, split pins for joints. Next, we will design a Victorian style puppet using a slider mechanism. We will then make our puppets and finally, use them to perform a class puppet show.



PSED (Heart Smart)

The focus for this half term is 'Fake is a Mistake'
We will learn to differentiate between words that are true and untrue. We will learn how to be kind and encouraging to others. We will learn about the importance of being honest and that being ourselves is being the best that we can be.



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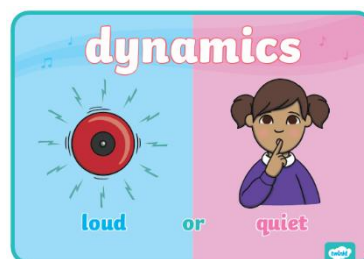
This term, we are still focusing on our Understanding Christianity scheme thinking about 'Incarnation' with the key question – What makes every person unique and precious? We will learn about belonging and baptism. We will listen to the stories of 'The Lost Coin' and 'The Lost Sheep' which show how Christians are precious to God.



Music

We will focus on the dynamics of music. Children will make links between music, sounds and environments and use percussion, vocal and body sounds to represent the seaside.

We will also listen and discuss music from the Victorian era.



PE

This term, the children will be doing bikeability lessons every Monday with Mrs Haxton-Gregory and Miss Consterdine.

On Thursdays Mr Jones will continue multi-sports outdoors. Children will be developing skills in a range of games and activities. These sessions help build coordination, rhythm, creativity, confidence, teamwork, and self-expression.



If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to message on dojo or see us at the door.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss JC, Miss Bradford & Mrs Mulligan