

Important Dates

Wed 14th Jan	Safeguarding training for volunteers
Mon 26th Jan	Year 6 Victorian Day
Fri 23rd Jan	Young Voices Choir—O2
9th– 13th Feb	Festival of Literature
Wb 9th Feb	House Netball tournament
Tues 10th Feb	Internet Safety Day
Fri 13th Feb	Independent Enquirer Elephant Day

Half Term

16th - 20th Feb

3th & 5th Mar	Parent Consultations
Thurs 5th Mar	World Book Day
Mon 10th Mar	Playing maths games and work sharing
Thurs 12th Mar	Year 6 Instrumental Concert
Wk beg 23rd Mar	Science week
Wk beg 23rd Mar	House Cross Country
Wed 25th Mar	Rocksteady Concert pm

Fri 27th Mar

Term Ends 2pm

PSHE

This term the children will complete two PSHE units. The first encourages them share their own strengths, and set challenging and realistic goals. The second they will discuss taking responsibility for their own physical and emotional health.

Maths

Focus of the term: fractions, decimals and percentages; area, perimeter and volume; properties of shape; angles and coordinates; measures and statistics. We will continue to revise all areas of number. We appreciate your continued support at home in these areas.

PE

PE lessons are on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Children may wear school PE kit on PE days (white top and green shorts/green tracksuit)

Focus for sessions:

Spring 1: Gymnastics and Netball

Autumn 2: Game Sense (Invasion) and Tennis



Spring Term 2026

Happy New Year!

We hope you have had a restful Christmas break. We look forward to working with the children on this term's exciting topic about the Victorians. We are aware that many children have received mobile phones as Christmas presents; this is a gentle reminder that phones are only permitted for the purpose of walking to/from school. A consent form can be found on our website.

If you need to contact any of us, please use our email addresses below. Please allow two days for a reply. If you have a more urgent matter, please contact the school office.



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Mrs Layer, Mrs Gitto and Mr Brown



Uniform reminder

A reminder that children should not be wearing jewellery in school, including earrings. Please also ensure watches are not smart watches. Hair accessories should be school colours only and trainers should only be worn on PE days.

Our Topic

This term, our topic is **Revolutions**. This is a history-based topic focusing on the Victorian era. We will learn about the life and times of Victorian school children, living in the Victorian workhouse, the Victorian royal family and the many inventions of this fascinating period of time. Many of our curriculum subjects will be linked to this topic.



English

Over the term we will be covering the following text types: Gothic horror narratives, diary entries, instructions and persuasive writing. All of these will be linked to the Victorian era using stories such as The Little Match Girl by Hans Christian Anderson, as well as exploring the gothic horror characters of Frankenstein's monster, Dracula and Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde.

Art/DT

In art, we will be studying William Morris and creating our own prints in his style. In DT, we will be constructing Victorian fairground rides.

Science

Our two topics will be 'electricity' and 'evolution and inheritance'.

RE

We will be looking at Hinduism and Christianity.



Trips / Events / Workshops

Victorian Day at school. This will involve dressing up. Monday 26th January.

Tour of Victorian houses in Bishops Stortford.



Home Learning 6

In the Spring term our Home Learning tasks will change; we will be using CGP SATs Buster books. These books have 10 minutes tasks that the children will complete to support them in preparation for the SATs.

The Reading book will need to be completed by Monday.

The Maths book will need to be completed by Wednesday.

The Grammar book will need to be completed by Friday.

Children are expected to read to an adult for 15 minutes at least 3 times a week in order to help them increase their vocabulary and deepen their understanding of the text. If your child is a fluent reader, please talk to them about the vocabulary and check their understanding of the text. Please sign in their reading record.

Spellings, based on the 'Read, write, inc' spelling scheme, are set on a weekly basis

Please continue to help your child practise their quick-recall of times tables.

Reading

In class, we will be reading a range of texts, including Street Child by Berlie Doherty, which is linked to our history topic.

Please ensure your child's reading record is in school daily so they can be used for communication about reading progress.

All children are expected to have a book in class. They may use school library books or bring in an age appropriate book from home. If you are interested in helping to listen to individual readers, please contact the office.