

Spring Term in Hoad.

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

This half term our topic will be, In Our Town. We will be exploring the Victorian era and also looking at the life of Stan Laurel.

If you have any artefacts, objects or stories/books at home from the Victorian era that you would be happy for us to use in the classroom to enhance our topic then please bring them into school.

Literacy

This half term, we will be exploring Victorian information texts; we will look at layout and content and create our own large information book. We will use report writing with links to our history topic. For the final two weeks we will be exploring fantasy stories focusing on the Oxford Reading Tree text, Victorian Adventure.

Children will continue with guided reading in school and individual reading books at home. Please try to listen to your child read as often as you can.

Maths

Children will begin the first two weeks by learning to tell the time.

Y1 children will be learning to tell the time to the hour and half past the hour. They will also be learning the order of the days of the week and the months of the year.

Y2 children will learn to tell the time to quarter past and quarter to the hour. They will then move on to telling time to five minutes. They will be learning the number of minutes in an hour and the number of hours in a day

For the final three weeks, children will be exploring money.

Y1 children will learn to recognise and know the value of different denominations of coins and notes.

Y2 children will learn to recognise and use symbols of pounds (£) and pence (p) and combine amounts to make a particular value. They will learn to find different combinations of coins that equal the same amount of money.

Science

This half term Hoad will be learning about everyday materials and their properties. They will start by identifying a range of different materials such as wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock. They will then learn to distinguish between an object and the material it is made from. Children will learn to sort a variety of materials according to criteria. Children will

explore both natural and man-made materials. Children will identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials for particular uses for example we will be finding the best material to make an umbrella. Children will identify that some materials can change shape by squashing, bending, stretching and twisting, and others can't.

Art

Our art topic will be closely linked with history. The children will be exploring some famous Victorian artists and their pieces including the painting 'The Lady of Shalott' by John William Waterhouse. We will be recreating the painting and creating our own Victorian art gallery within the classroom. We will also be working on observational drawings of our school and other Victorian buildings in Ulverston.

History

Our history for this term will look at the Victorians. We will start by exploring how our lives are different to people who lived in the Victorian times. We will explore clothes and household items and how they compare to what we wear and use now. We will explore Victorian school life and how it was different to life at our school. We will also be looking at our local area, studying Victorian houses. Children will be looking for their houses on a map of Ulverston. Towards the end of the term we will be learning about Stan Laurel and his significance in our town.

Computing

Children will be developing their word processing skills this half term. They will be practising their typing skills and learning how to change font size and colour and how to use the bold and underline tools. They will also be exploring symbols and the save function.

Music

This half term, the music focus will be to explore Timbre and Tempo. Children will also be learning songs for Ulverston Voices in February.

PE

Children will continue to be taught gym by Mrs Hartley from UVHS on a Tuesday morning. This half term, she will be teaching Key Steps Gymnastics.

Children will have a session on a Wednesday afternoon, which will focus on dance and movement. We will also find out about what dance was like in the Victorian era.

Please ensure children have the correct PE Kit in school on those days. Children should ideally have their PE kits in school at all times. Please ensure that all long hair is tied up on

PE days or that a bobble is provided so children can fasten hair back themselves and that earrings are removed.

RE

This half term we will be thinking about special books including the Bible for Christians and the Torah for Jews. The children will explore some of the stories that Jesus told and think about how their messages. They will also compare the Torah scrolls with the Bible, thinking of similarities and differences.