



# The Victorians



Autumn 1

**The Year 2 Team**  
 For those of you who have not yet met us, an introduction to the Year 2 team.

Left to right...  
 Miss Jade Youngman (2Y Teacher), Mrs Sharon Rix (2Y Teaching Assistant), Miss Jody Parish (2P Teacher) and Mrs Kerry Wishart (2P Teaching Assistant)

**Maths:**

In maths, the children will learn about the place value of two-digit numbers. They will explore how numbers are made up of tens and ones and begin to represent these using base-10 drawings. They will also extend their thinking into how two-digit numbers can be partitioned in different ways (e.g. 52 could be 50 and 2 or 40 and 12). They will then apply their place value knowledge to learn mental and pictorial methods for addition and subtraction. During daily 5 sessions each day, children will learn addition and subtraction number bonds to 10 and 20.

**Reading Books:**

Children will take home reading books and a library book on Monday. Please return these by the following Monday so that we are able to have a constant flow of books for children to choose from.

**English: - Daisy Saves the Day**

In English, the children will be learning all about writing diaries. They will explore a variety of diary texts and begin to understand the key features used when writing diary entries, (past tense, chronological order, first person, thoughts and feelings).

The children will write a supported diary entry to retell a key event from the story from Daisy's perspective and then they will write an independent diary entry about Daisy's perspective of the night that she saved the day.

Throughout both diary entries, the children will learn to write in full sentences that use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. They will also explore the use of adjectives and feeling language to show character perspective.

Finally, the children will reread their diary entries in order to edit and improve their writing independently by checking for sense and grammatical errors.



**Science:**

This half term, the children will be learning about healthy living. They will begin by exploring a healthy diet by identifying foods that are healthy and unhealthy and considering why this may be. They will learn about the five food groups and develop an understanding the importance of a balanced diet. Children will investigate the importance of exercise and the impact this has on their bodies. They will also consider the long term effects of exercising regularly. Finally the children will learn about the importance of good hygiene. They will complete an experiment to understand how quickly germs can spread and they will decide the best way to stop germs spreading.



**PE and Forest Schools:**

On Tuesday and Thursday, children will participate in PE. Children will need trainers and shorts for these sessions. If your child has longer hair, please ensure they have hairbands to tie their hair up.

On Tuesday, groups of children will visit the Forest Schools area. We will let you know if it is your child's turn to have Forest Schools sessions. Children will need wellies and clothing suitable for the weather conditions.



**Art:**

This half term, the children will learn about the artwork of L. S. Lowry. They will explore drawing and painting by using his style and they will consider the reasons for his colour choices. The children will complete a final piece of artwork inspired by his painting 'Going to Work'. They will make a collaborative piece of artwork consisting of people and buildings.



**History:**

Our project this half term will be a history focused one that explores the Victorians. The children will focus on what life was like for Victorian children and the jobs that many undertook. They will learn about the conditions that children worked in as well as how they were treated. The children will also look at work houses and the important role they played in Victorian society. There will be a focus on some of the significant people from Victorian times. The children will learn about Queen Victoria as well as the work that Dr Barnardo did to try and help children.

**How to contact us:**

If you have any messages or need to get in touch, you are welcome to contact us on the Year 2 email...  
[year2@st-williams.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:year2@st-williams.norfolk.sch.uk)

If your child wants to share any home learning, achievements or experiences with the class, please add these to Tapestry.