



Summer 1 Newsletter

Welcome back!

We hope you have had a wonderful half term and are ready for an action packed Summer 1!

As a school we will be focusing on Keep Green:

Summer 1 2025

Week 1	Earth Day Turn it Off Friday
Week 2	Watering Wednesday
Week 3	Planting!
Week 4	World Bee Day Wear Stripes- World Bee Day
Week 5	Walk to School Week Walk to Hackney Marshes

Walk to School
LIVING STREETS
PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST

20 May
World Bee Day

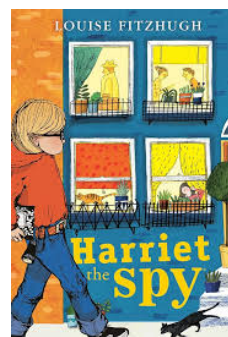
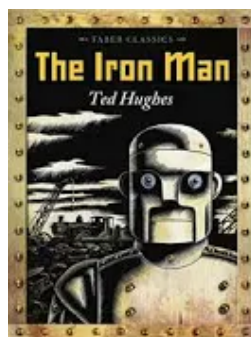
UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

24 I have the right to good quality health care, to clean water and good food

Our learning will be centred around The Victorians this term.

Reading for Pleasure!

We have been looking at how we can enjoy reading, why we should read outside of lessons and what books we would like more of in our classes. Did you complete the reading challenge with your child? What books have they read? What did you learn about their reading and their interests? These are the books we have read this year so far, can you talk to your child about these books?



Reading

This half term we will be reading Frankenstein as our class reader. We will practise our summarising skills by identifying the main events from what we have read and completing summaries in our reading logs. It is a book full of different scenery and the children will enjoy learning new vocabulary!

Our reading lessons will focus on a range of reading skills including:

- Finding information in the text
- Understanding new vocabulary in context and considering why an author uses these words
- Using clues from the text to work out the feelings of characters
- Making predictions about what will happen next

Writing

Our writing units this half term will be based around our topic of The Victorians and the novel Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens. . Using this text, the children will write a suspenseful narrative about Oliver Twist asking for more food at the orphanage The children will then write a diary entry about life as a Victorian child. During this unit, the pupils will focus on direct speech, similes, creating suspense by using short sentences and ambitious vocabulary.

Please see the link below for further information linked to using direct speech.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zhqh92p>

Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be covering:

Measurement- identifying and comparing types of angles.

Fractions- finding halves, quarters and thirds of amounts and finding parts of sets.

To support your child further, here are some useful links:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z3rbg82>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zcsjqty>

History and Geography

In History, we will be learning about the Victorians. We will be learning about the legacy of Queen Victoria in Britain and the Empire. We will learn what life was like for Victorian school children and compare that with life in schools today.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 21st April Bank Holiday

Tuesday 22nd April Summer 1 term starts

Friday 25th April Year 4 Assembly

Friday 2nd May Year 4 Trip to Ragged School Museum

Monday 5th May Bank Holiday

Friday 16th May Wear Stripes for World Bee Day

Friday 23rd Year 1 Assembly

Friday 23rd May end of Summer 1



Campaign

Our class campaign this term is linked to Keep Green. We will consider how to reduce our carbon footprint and track this using an online tool.

Science

Our Science topic this half term will be around Living things and their habitats. We will explore different habitats around the world. We will also be learning about food chains and what things are living, dead or never alive.

We will develop our scientific skills by recording our results and observations, drawing conclusions and evaluating the accuracy of our investigation and results.

The links below provide some useful information about the habitats we will be studying:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zx882hv>

ICT

Our topic this half term is 'Creating media- desktop publishing. We will develop our understanding of using media to edit photos.

PSHE

This half term our PSHE unit is 'Relationships'. During this topic, the children will think about and discuss families, healthy relationships and who can keep them safe. They will learn and talk about appreciating those around them.

RE

Our focus religion this half term is focussed on Buddhism. Our key question is 'Can the Buddha's teachings make the world a better place?'

PE

PE lessons this half term will focus on fitness and athletics.

Class PE Day: **Friday**

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on **Fridays**.

Music

The children will be exploring pop music in their music lessons and will be learning about grime, rap and bhangra.

Spanish

In Spanish, our focus for this half term is 'transport.' The children will learn how to use language linked to different modes of transport.

Art

This half term we will be making Victorian quilts and looking therefore at using different textiles. The children are studying The Victorians in many aspects of their curriculum this half-term including a school trip to a Victorian school.

Cooking

This half term we will be making pastries. In Year 4 we will be making sausage rolls.

Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.

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