

History

Children will step back into the 19th century and learn all about the Vile Victorians. They will find out who Queen Victoria was and what she was like, discover what life was like for the Victorians, explore some of the social and technological advances of the time, as well as looking at leisure, the arts and entertainment during this golden era of our British history. Children will journey back to the Victorian era and discover what life would have been like for them if they had been born in the 19th century. These will compare their modern lifestyles to the lifestyles of both poor and rich Victorian children and investigate different aspects of life for people in Victorian Britain. Children will learn about cruel careers for kids, rotten school rules and compare their classroom to a Victorian classroom. Children will investigate all the Victorian inventions which are part of our everyday lives and the people who invented them. They will investigate how the industrial revolution changed the face of Britain and the World



VILE VICTORIANS

Geography

Children will investigate the British Empire and the countries which belonged to the British Empire throughout the world during the Victoria era; Children will identify these countries on a series of maps and identify their locations throughout the World. Children will voyage across the Atlantic and discover the continent of North America and all its amazing countries, cities and landscapes. Children will identify the 23 countries of North America, from the vast lands of the USA and Canada down through Central America and on to the Caribbean islands. On the way, they will explore the various geographical features of different areas of North America and compare them with their own locality and investigate the legacy that the British Empire has left behind in these different countries.

Computing

Film and record an episode of Horrible Histories and Victorian Grange Hill to show what schools were like during the Victorian era using Windows Movie Maker. Children to code their own Victorian based game using "Scratch." Furthermore children conduct their own internet research and design their own "Horrible History Webpage" and finally complete a unit on internet safety.

Vile Victorians - The BIG Idea

Year Five will learn all about the Vile Victorians and the dire details of Victorian life for everyone, from children in the monstrous mines and savage schools to the vile Victorian Queen herself. The iconic period of history from not so very long ago comes to the Orchards Primary Academy. Children will learn about cruel careers for kids, rotten school rules, inventions and Empire and how Britain was the centre of the World! Children will discover all the foul fact about the Vile Victorians, all the gore and more. **It's history with the nasty bits left in!**

PHSE

Discussions about Victorian Workhouses and the conditions endured by young children that were forced to work at factories at a very young age. Discussions and debates about the class system that was in place during this time period and the vast differences between rich and poor people during the Victorian period. An investigation about the life and work of Dr Barnardo. Discuss and debate the use of corporal punishment in schools during the Victorian era, did this method make children behave and learn better than the children of today?

Design Technology

Children will investigate the Victorian inventor Isambard Kingdom Brunel, and look at the bridges he designed and constructed. Children will explore the ways in which bridge designs have changed and developed over time. They will also build models using readily available materials. Working well as part of a team and considering the views of others will be crucial as children get to grips with designing and making a variety of model bridge designs and test them against a set of given criteria.

Children will investigate the seaside entertainment of "Punch and Judy" during the Victorian era and will then go onto design their own Victorian Punch and Judy style puppet and perform their own puppet shows. They will have the chance to design, make and evaluate their own Victorian puppet for a Victorian child and for their own performance.



Art and Design

Children investigate 19th century art and the tradition of Raphael (one of the artists from the Renaissance period) They will see how this style idealised nature and beauty and made objects or people more beautiful than perhaps they actually were for the sake of art before going on to replicate their own Raphael based pieces using water colours and range of artistic processes. Children investigate William Morris and go through his life and work. They will discover how Morris didn't like the mass-produced art that was the result of the industrialised Victorian society and how he began the Arts and Craft movement. Children research his designs then go onto designing wallpaper patterns based on the designs of William Morris In addition, Year Five will investigate the Victorian phenomenon of decoupage before going to decorate their own Victorian decoupage plates and pots!

Religious Education

Children will investigate the Buddhist faith. Year Five will focus on the Buddhist faith and its origins, core beliefs, festivals, special places. Children will explore the different holy books, identify key symbols in Buddhism, the Buddhist holy book and the main beliefs held by Buddhists.

Modern Foreign Languages

Children take part in a series of French language based lessons. In this "All About Ourselves" unit, Year Five will apply previous knowledge of topic areas such as clothes and the body, developing their vocabulary at the same time. They will learn to describe their own appearance and are introduced to some key grammatical features of French, such as the position of adjectives. They have the opportunity to talk about their emotions and health, increasing their conversational skills.

