



Monkton CEP School



Ladybird Class Newsletter

'Every child is special'

English

In English this term, we will begin by exploring Harvest through poetry. Not only will the children be writing their own shape poems, but exploring Haikus and Rengas, both forms of poetry that originated in Japan.

The rest of this term will be linked to our core text, *A Slip in Time* by Maggie Pearson, an adventure story of a young man who explores Victorian England. We will use this to write diary entries and letters, where the children will imagine they are living as Victorian children.

Numeracy

Times tables will be a focus throughout this year and time will be spent in class securely learning each times table so that children will know them in the correct order, mixed up and the inverse facts.

The first term will focus on developing our understanding of number and place value, moving onto methods for addition and subtraction later in term 1.

Science

In Science we will be beginning with our topic on Sound. Learning what sound is, how it travels and where.

ICT

After our first lesson reminding ourselves of how we can stay safe online, we will be learning how to create and programme our own simple educational game.

RE

In RE our first topic will be about 'People of God-- with our key learning question being 'What is it like to follow God?'

PE

The children will be working with our sports coaches and Mrs Osgood, improving their core skills through a range of activities.

Foundation subjects

Geography- Coastlines and rivers- we will be using a variety of maps and aerial photographs to explore the local Thanet area.

History- The Victorians- Who were they? When did they live? What was life like at the Victorian seaside?

Art- This is linked to our Victorian project; we will be exploring William Powell Frith's painting of Ramsgate sands.

Design Technology- The children will explore the work of William Morris, learning how to print patterns using a variety of mediums.

French - Learning a variety of greetings; classroom instructions and numbers 1-20

Vocabulary

Below are some words that the children will come across during their learning that they might be unfamiliar with that you might like to help them understand:

<u>Science</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>English</u>
vibrate	monarch	addition	adjective
vibration	monarchy	plus	verb
pitch	heir	subtraction	noun
decibel	throne	equals	adverb
loudness	empire	decrease	synonym

Websites

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zgffr82>

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/victorians.html>

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zcjxhyc>

Special days/ Come join us

On Tuesday 11th September, please feel free to join us in the hall at 2:45 for a parents welcome and information session myself, Mrs Warner. Alternatively, come and speak to me at the end of any day. Finally, on Thursday 13th September, the children will be celebrating Roald Dahl Day 2018; we would LOVE them to dress up as their favourite Roald Dahl character.