



Monkton CEP School

Ladybird Class

Newsletter

Term 2



'Every child is special'

English

In English, we will be completing our text, *A Slip in Time*, before reading Charles Dickens, *A Christmas Carol*. The link with Charles Dickens continues, as we write news reports about the Staplehurst train disaster, where he was a passenger when the train derailed. In Week 3, we will be watching *The Giant Pear*, learning how to plan and write our own stories. As Christmas approaches, we will be writing our own poems in the style of *Twas the night before Christmas*, amongst other Christmas themed writing opportunities.

Science

In science we are now learning all about electricity, how to stay safe whilst around it, how it helps us and how electricity travels. Class 3 will be making electrical circuits and exploring conductors and insulators.

ICT

We are continuing to learn how to create and programme our own simple educational game, before we move onto our unit, *We Are Toy Designers*.

Numeracy

Times tables continues to be a focus throughout this year and time will continue to be a focus. In Term 2, we have spent the first part continuing to learn written addition and subtraction methods. Then we will be learning methods for multiplication and division until the end of term.

RE

In RE we are learning about Sikhism, the core beliefs, symbols and traditions. In the final few weeks before Christmas we will revisit the Christmas story, exploring what Christmas means to Christians.

PE

The children will be working with our sports coaches and Mrs Osgood, developing netball and basketball skills, whilst some will take part in gymnastics after school club.

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- Christmas traditions

Art- William Morris designs and prints

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

French - Learning vocabulary for the days of the week, months of the year and a French Christmas.

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>
Electricity	maps	multiplication	by-line
Circuit	scale	division	headline
Conductor	key	factors	caption
Insulator	symbols	multiples	narrative
materials	features	product	repetition

Websites

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/43171/a-visit-from-st-nicholas>

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zj44jxs>

<http://primaryfacts.com/210/victorian-christmas-facts-and-information/>

<https://www.literacyshed.com/charlesdickens.html>

Special Dates

Dates for diaries-

- Fri 9th Nov, 10:40am prompt - Remembrance Service
- Thursday 15th Nov - 9am Class cinema visit to the Vue
- Fri 16th Nov- Years 3 and 4 Spelling Bee in school
- Fri 16th Nov and Fri 7th Dec- Forest School
- Wed 28th Nov- Spelling Bee competition Minster school
- Monday 10th Dec 2pm - Rocksteady concert
- Fri 14th Dec- Christmas Bazaar
- Mon 17th Dec- Christmas carol service.
- Tue 18th Dec- Christmas meal and special event in the afternoon. (details to follow) Wed 19th Dec- Christmas party and panto.