

# Saint Clare

Year 3

Autumn Term Parent Information Pack



In Year 3 this term we will be starting our topic 'Please Sir, can I have some more?' We will be focusing our investigations on what life was like for children during the Victorian period. Towards the end of the term we will focus on what Christmas was like as a celebration for the Victorians.

### English

In English, we will be reading a version of *Oliver Twist* as well as reading some parts of the original book by Charles Dickens. We will delve into the world of the characters and think about their feelings and emotions. We will be looking at different types of poetry and writing some of our own. The children will also develop their letter writing skills by applying for Victorian manor house jobs. The class will also look at some fairy tales by the Brothers Grimm as we develop our performance and retelling skills as the class adapt and perform versions of fairy tales. Across all of these genres we will also develop our reading skills.

In addition, there will be handwriting, guided reading and spelling sessions every week.

### Maths

In maths this term we will:

- Read, write and order 2-3 digit numbers
- Develop our counting and estimating skills
- Add and subtract one and two digit numbers using both number lines and column methods
- Develop our multiplication and division facts
- Recognise and describe 2D and 3D shapes
- Measure using mm and cm
- Find fractions of numbers and shapes
- Read and write the time to 5 minutes

### Science

In science, we will be studying light and shadow. We will investigate shadows, shadow patterns and if light is reflected off different surfaces. We will be investigating different light sources and the difference between a natural and artificial light source. We will also consider the importance of staying safe in the sun.

## Computing

In computing, we will be talking about the importance of online-safety. We will be using computing alongside other subjects by using programmes such as Microsoft Word and Google Earth. We will be using Espresso Coding and Scratch to programme animations and debug them.

## Geography and History

In geography, we will be discovering more about the size and extent of the Victorian empire and some of the key trade links. We will be using atlases and online maps to discover where the empire stretched to and how far away from Great Britain. We will also consider the importance of the creation of more railways and some of the changes this brought to Victorian Britain.

In history, we will be uncovering who the Victorians were and the length of Queen Victoria's reign. The class will discover what life was like for children during that period and learn more about life in the workhouse, the different jobs and work children could have undertaken; the contrast between life in the city and the countryside and what life was like in a Victorian school. We will also be discovering how a lot of our modern Christmas celebrations stem from Victorian traditions.

## PE

In PE, we will be developing our hand-eye coordination and accuracy by playing hockey and begin to think about tactics when playing invasion games. We will practise our dribbling and passing technique in football. We will also be learning a variety of dance techniques and choreographing our own dances.

## RE

To begin with in RE, we will be learning about the domestic church. We will then be discussing and learning about the Sacrament of Baptism. As we approach Christmas, we will be learning about the Nativity and the different visitors who came.

## EPR

Our work will focus on new beginnings, exploring children's feelings about moving to a new class. After half term we will focus on getting on and falling out, including Anti-Bullying week in November. The aim of this unit is to understand how to manage and control feelings in confrontational situations and think about how to resolve any problems fairly.

### Art and Design Technology

In art, we will be looking at the artist William Morris. We will be studying and investigating his artistic technique, style and creating patterns.

In design technology, we will be making our own Christmas toys linking in with our Victorian topic. We will design, make and test our toys.

### Music

In music, we will be following the 'Three Little Birds' unit from the Charanga music scheme. We will also be composing some of our own music. These units of work cover a range of styles and genres and musically draw together listening/appraising, composing/improvising and performing skills.

### Spanish

This year in Year 3 we will be studying Spanish. We will begin with speaking and listening skills before moving on to writing. We will be learning basic greetings, how to say our names, the alphabet and numbers to 10. We will also learn some Christmas vocabulary and Spanish Christmas traditions.

### Outdoor Learning

We are very lucky to have our outdoor learning area. We will be having sessions outside which will reinforce other curriculum based work, or have discrete sessions linked to our outdoor learning space.

### Homework

In line with the school policy, homework will be given out on a Friday to be handed in the following Wednesday. The children will also receive weekly spellings, again handed out on Friday for a test the following Wednesday.

It would be great if children could also read at home with an adult and for this to be recorded in reading journals weekly.

We do hope that this information pack proves useful to you. If you would like further information or have any other questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Many thanks,

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