

# St. Swithun's: Year 1/2 Curriculum Map – Autumn 2. Topic: Victorious Victorians

**Major outcomes for the topic:**  
**Persuasive letters**  
**Nativity Performance**

## English

This half term we will be learning about the features of letters through reading 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Oliver Jeffers.

We will learn about what we need to include in letters to help us to write persuasive letters. We will make sure we are using our capital letters and full stops correctly, as well as learning how to use question marks and exclamation marks accurately. We will be trying to extend our sentences by using conjunctions in these letters. Year 1 children will be focussing on using 'and' and 'because.' Year 2 children will be using a range of conjunctions including: and, but, so, or, because, when, if and that. Ensuring our letters are formed correctly and our handwriting is neat and legible will also remain a focus.

In reading, we will be continuing to learn our phonics sounds and work on building our fluency and speed when reading. We will also answer questions about the text to build our comprehension skills, with Year 2 children focussing on referring back to the text to answer the questions.

## Art & Design

We will have a DT focus this half term.

## Computing

We will develop their understanding of a range of tools used for digital painting. They will use these tools to create their own digital paintings, while gaining inspiration from a range of artists' work.

**Exciting beginnings / events/ theme days/ trips / visitors**

Victorian Day

## Mathematics

This half term we will continue to work on our place value knowledge and will use this to help us reason when solving number sentences. We will use part part whole models to partition numbers and use this to write addition and subtraction number sentences. We will use our number knowledge to compare numbers using greater than, less than and equals to symbols.

We will practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and use a 100 square to spot patterns when counting. This will support us when learning how to multiply (lots of) and divide (sharing). We will solve problems by making equals groups of 2s, 5s and 10s.

We will finish the half term by identifying 2D and 3D shapes and year 2 will describe shapes by their properties. You can continue to support at home by counting amounts, practising number bonds on the Topmarks Hit the button game online and accessing NumBots.

## Design & Technology

In DT we will be learning about cooking and nutrition. We will learn to distinguish between fruit and vegetables and where they grow. We will also design a fruit salad and accompanying packaging.

## Geography

We will have a focus on History this half term.

**Text, videos, music, pictures to ensure experiences of rich and varied literary heritage**

In English, we will be reading lots of different stories that contain letters to help us to write our own!

## Modern

## Languages

In French we are learning the names for family members, winter vocabulary, colours and Christmas songs.

## Music

Our main focus this half term is exploring 'magical' music and songs, using existing works and composing our own. We will also be learning a repertoire of Christmas songs.

**PSHE / British Values**

Through all areas of the curriculum and the ethos of the school we are developing a sense of community, respect, belief and responsibility for ourselves and others. We will learn a sense of law by writing our own class rules which pupils take responsibility for and agree to abide by.

## Science

This half term we will be continuing to learn about everyday materials and identifying what different objects are made from. We will compare and sort different materials according to their physical properties.

We will then move on to learning about the 4 seasons and the changes that happen as we move between them. We will also explore how the day length varies across all 4 seasons.

## History

This half term, we will learn about an event beyond our living memory- The Victorians! We will explore what life was like in the Victorian Era and the how the Industrial Revolution made an impact on how we live life today. Children will have opportunities to immerse themselves in Victorian school life and build on their historian skills.

## Physical

## Education

In PE, we will be learning how to put simple movements together to create a short dance.

In games, we will be building on the ball skills we have already developed by practising throwing and catching, using a variety of different equipment.

## Religious

## Education

To start this half term, we will be exploring catholic social teaching. We will also be looking at how Christians prepare for Jesus' birth by exploring different bible stories and key religious figures of the time during our Advent and Christmas units.