

Autumn 2 2026

Year 5 Newsletter



Hello! We hope that you all had a great half term! We thoroughly enjoyed learning about World War 1 and we are excited to begin our learning on the Victorian era this term. We are looking forward to seeing your half term homework activities you have completed surrounding the Victorian period, and hopefully you have learnt lots of interesting facts surrounding the Victorians!

Key dates

04.11.26 Fireworks Night
18.11 – 19.11. 26 – Parents Evening
03.12.26 – KS2 Carols by Candlelight
04.12.26 – Christmas Fair

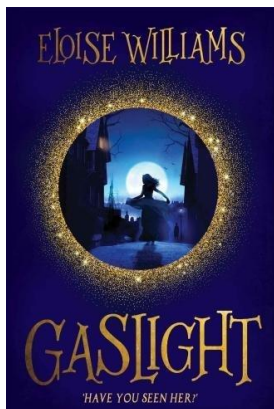
Snapshot - what happens when?

Tuesday – Birch Swimming

Thursday – Outdoor PE for both classes

Friday – Spelling test and Maple's Indoor PE

Our Book for the term is:



This term, we will be learning about the Victorian era through our new book. In reading, we will focus on developing our reading fluency by practising accuracy, expression and appropriate pace. We will also strengthen our retrieval skills by locating key information and evidence within the text and answering questions accurately. In writing, we will be writing a newspaper report based on a Victorian workhouse strike, as well as a piece of poetry comparing Victorian and modern-day schooling.

Our **Geography and History** lessons will cover the significant figures and events which happened during the Victorian era, as well as the important inventions developed during this time. We will be comparing what school is like now compared to what Victorian children experienced in their schools growing up, as well as looking at geographical features which have changed over time.

Mathematics

In maths, we will be beginning our term with the topic of multiplication and division by focusing on common multiples and factors, prime and cubed numbers, and multiplying numbers by 10/100/1000. Then, we will move on to consolidate our previous learning on fractions before focusing on how to add and subtract fractions and mixed numbers accurately.

Science

This term in Science, we will be investigating the changes and properties of materials and their uses. We will explore chemical reactions that create new materials, focusing on those that are not reversible. Building on our prior knowledge of solids, liquids, and gases, we will identify the new materials formed.

Art/DT

In art we will begin by studying the life of William Morris, in particular his wallpaper and textile designs. We will move on to our main project for the term which will be to look at mechanical toys. We will learn about different mechanisms which can make toys move, learning about CAMS and finally making our own moving toy.

Physical Education

In PE, both classes will take part in the Joy of Moving programme, delivered by the Charlton Community Trust. Through games and activities, children will develop their fitness and understanding of healthy lifestyles. Birch will also continue weekly swimming, while Maple will explore health-related exercise in indoor PE.

RE

Our RE unit will be based on the topic 'What would Jesus do?' We will be thinking about and discussing if we can live by the values of Jesus in the 21st century. We will learn about a variety of Jesus' teachings and how these can be applied to our lives today.

SMSC

This term, our unit will be based on our 'celebrating differences.' This unit will allow us to think about what makes everyone unique as well as discussing bullying and how we can spot bullying behaviour. We will also look into the importance of money and how money affects people in different parts of the world.

If you have any questions about the work we are covering this term, or need to see us for any other reason, then please feel free to catch us after school on the front playground. Mr Woods and Miss Andrew