



## Year Two

# Parent Newsletter Spring 2016

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Welcome back after the Christmas break and Happy New Year!



<b>Subject</b>	<u>Learning Challenge—Victorians</u>  What were the children who lived here like a 100 years ago?
<b>History</b>	<u>As historians</u> we will be continuing to learn about life in Victorian times. We will be comparing life over 100 years ago to life nowadays. The children will learn about the different rooms inside a Victorian house and will scrub the clothes!
<b>Design and technology</b>	In design and technology we will be learning to join materials together to produce a Victorian carriage for Queen Victoria. The children will design, make and evaluate their carriage to ensure it is fit for purpose.
<b>P.E.</b> 	P.E. sessions will continue to be on a Wednesday and Friday for both classes. The children will be learning to follow rules to play simple games involving throwing, catching and rolling. Your child will need their kit in school on both days. If they have long hair they will need a bobble to tie it back. If your child wears earrings they will need to take them out.
<b>PSHE</b> 	During this half term our sessions will be based around 'Going for goals.'  The theme offers the opportunity for the children to take part in small group discussions in addition to whole class situations. The children will be looking at how they can set themselves simple goals and ways they can work towards achieving them.

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Subject	
<p><b>English</b></p> 	<p>In English we will be learning to compare the features of fiction and non fiction books. We will be learning about the purpose of different non fiction features. The children will read non-chronological reports based on our Victorian topic. They will learn about the features of the reports and then research facts to enable them to write their own non-chronological report.</p>
<p><b>Mathematics</b></p> 	<p>Throughout this half term we will be building on our knowledge of counting in 2's, 5's and 10's to work out division. The children will begin to make links begin multiplication and division and learn that these operations are the inverse. We will also be applying our knowledge of multiplication and division to solve problems.</p>
<p><b>Science</b></p> 	<p><u>As scientists</u> we will be learning what animals and humans need in order to survive. Whilst learning about humans, we will be thinking about eating a balanced diet and why this is important. We will also be learning that animals grow and reproduce.</p>
<p><b>ICT</b></p> 	<p><u>As information communication technologists</u> we will learn to use links on a website to gather information. We will be continuing with our History project to re-search different aspects of Victorian life to produce a presentation to share with others.</p>
<p><b>RE</b></p>	<p>In RE we will be learning about being a good leader. We will be thinking about the qualities of a leader and the children will think about people they are inspired by.</p>

Please see over for general notices. If you are unsure about homework tasks or would like more information on subjects your child will be studying please ask your teachers for help. It is vital we work together to ensure your child succeeds.

### Homework

Each week the children are required to practice their homework ready for their test the following Friday.

### Reading

Reading books and reading records must be in school every day. The children are expected to change their book regularly, although they must keep them for at least two days to allow them time to read and understand it thoroughly. Please sign and comment in your child's reading record when their book is ready for changing. Please write in your child's reading record any books that they read and also every time they read. Reading Records are looked at regularly by the teachers so please do take time to write comments.

### Maths Open Afternoon

On Wednesday 27th January there will be a Maths Open Afternoon in Year 2 at 1:15pm. We hope you will be able to come in and see what your child has been working on. Your child should have brought home a letter with more information.

### Extra Curricular

Clubs will be available – details to be announced. Regular newsletters will be sent with important dates.

### Uniform

It is important that as well as trying our best we also look our best. Please make sure that the correct school uniform is worn—details can be seen on our website under 'Information—School Uniform and Dress Code'.

### Attendance

Every lesson counts – please allow your child to develop by attending school each day.

### Victorian day

On Monday 8th February we would like to invite your child to dress up as they travel back in time to the Victorian era. Here are some costume ideas; Chimney Sweep, Coal Miner, Factory Worker, Rich Victorian, Scullery Maid, Governess— photos will be displayed on the classroom windows, so keep a look out!

We hope you are all well and look forward to your support throughout the next half term. Don't forget to check Facebook, Twitter and our school website to find out more information about what's going on.

The Year Two Brooklands Team