



Year 3
St. Clare Class
Autumn Term 2026
Parent Information Pack

In Year 3 this term, we will be starting our first topic, 'Children in Victorian Britain'. We will learn what life was like for children during the Victorian period. Towards the end of the term, we will focus on what Christmas was like in Victorian times. We will also have planned a very exciting trip to Preston Manor.

English

In English, we will be reading *Oliver Twist*. We will explore the characters' world and think about their feelings and emotions. We will look at different types of poetry and write some of our own. The children will also develop their letter-writing skills by applying for jobs at Victorian manor houses. The class will also explore fairy tales by the Brothers Grimm as we develop our performance and retelling skills by adapting and performing versions of fairy tales. Across all these genres, we will also develop our reading skills.

In addition, we will have handwriting, guided reading, and spelling sessions throughout each week.

Maths

In maths this term, we will focus on Place Value, Addition and subtraction, and Multiplication and Division. This will include representing, partitioning and ordering numbers up to 1,000. Adding and subtracting two-digit numbers before moving on to adding and subtracting two- and three-digit numbers whilst checking our answers using the inverse operation. Then moving on to exploring the 2s, 3s, 4s and 8s multiplication tables and the inverse.

R.E.

In RE this term, the children will revisit the story of Creation from *Genesis*. They will learn that God created the world out of love, and that all He made is good. Pupils will reflect on how humans are made in God's image and are called to care for one another and for Creation (stewardship). They will explore the idea of taking time to rest and give thanks for God's gifts, and consider what it means to treat everyone with dignity and respect. Through scripture, prayer and activities, children will develop awe and wonder for the natural world and think about how they can live out Pope Francis' call to care for our common home.

Science

In Science, our first topic is Light. The children will learn that we need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light. We will investigate shadows, shadow patterns and whether light is reflected off different surfaces. We will investigate different light sources and the difference between natural and artificial light sources. We will also consider the importance of staying safe in the Sun and protecting our eyes from the Sun.

Computing

In Computing, our first topic is called 'Connecting Computers'. During this topic, the children will develop their understanding of digital devices, initially focusing on inputs, processes and outputs. They will then learn about devices that make up a network's infrastructure, such as wireless access points and switches.

The second topic is 'Animation', in which the children will use a range of techniques in small groups to create a story-based stop-frame animation, using an iPad.

We will also use ICT alongside other subjects, using programmes such as Microsoft Word and Google Earth.

Geography and History

In Geography, we will learn more about the size and extent of the Victorian Empire and some key trade links. We will use atlases and online maps to discover where the empire stretched and how far it was from Great Britain. We will also consider the importance of building 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, and what life was like in a Victorian school. We will also discover how many of our modern Christmas celebrations stem from Victorian traditions.

P.E.

Our PE lessons will take place on Monday mornings and Friday afternoons. We will develop our coordination, teamwork, and accuracy by playing football, beginning to think about tactics in invasion games, and practising our dribbling and passing techniques.

After half term, we will move onto learning the skills of Tag Rugby. On Mondays, 'Active Education' will lead our PE sessions, firstly developing their confidence and skills in basketball, and then moving onto Gymnastics in Autumn 2.

PSHE

In our PSHE lessons this term, we will be following the programme 'Life to the full'. The first module, 'Created and Loved by God', explores the individual and teaches the children that we have been made in the image and likeness of God. The module helps the children to develop an understanding of the importance of valuing themselves as the basis for personal relationships.

In the second module, 'Created to love others', the children will build on their understanding that we have been created out of love and for love. In these PSHE lessons, the children will learn strategies to develop healthy relationships and understand how to keep themselves safe.

Art and Design Technology

In Art, we will be looking at the work of the artist William Morris. We will study and investigate his artistic technique and style and create patterns.

In Design Technology, we will make our own Christmas toys, linking in with our Victorian topic. We will design, make and test our toys.

Music

In our Music lessons this year, we will be continuing to follow the Music Express scheme. This term's topics use songs and poems to explore Music. The children will explore and create rhythms, sing and compose music and create their own expressive performances. They will also explore how instruments can be classified according to the sounds they produce. This term's units have cross-curricular links to Geography and Design Technology.

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 learn basic greetings, how to say our names, the alphabet, and numbers to 10. We will also learn some Christmas vocabulary and Spanish Christmas traditions.

Homework

In line with school policy, homework will be given out on a Friday and handed in the following Wednesday. The children will also receive weekly spellings, again handed out on Friday for a test the following Wednesday. The homework will usually link to maths objectives, and there may also be projects throughout the year. Please check their homework books for weekly updates.

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

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

Many thanks,

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