

Year Five Topic Spring 2 – “Time Tunnel”



We are very excited about this topic! Here are some of the main areas we will be studying:

The main focus of this topic will be **History**, looking specifically at the impact of the work of Charles Darwin in the world of Science and Religion. We will be studying his work, the importance of his voyages and his animal studies. The Victorian era was a significant turning point in our history and culture. We will be looking at some of the revolutions from this period including:

- The theory of evolution
- The invention of electricity and the telephone
- The impact of industry on both the rich and the poor
- Key figures in the world of art during the time period.

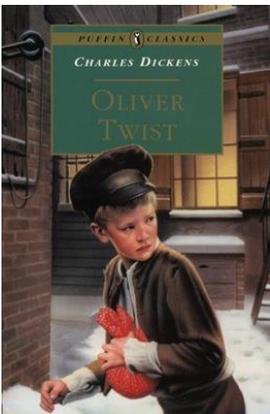
We will also study what life was like for children in Victorian times, as well as encourage the children to think about the harsh poverty during this time.

We will be looking, of course, at Queen Victoria’s family and where her reign fits into a chronological time line. The children will learn to appreciate the strength of her reign.



The children will be using tile printing techniques pioneered by William Morris to create affordable wall furnishings and fabrics for the Victorian middle classes.

English - To aid the children’s understanding of the divide between rich and poor, our creative English work this term will focus on the book “**Oliver Twist**” by Charles Dickens. This is an excellent, inspiring book about a poor Victorian boy who suffered on the grim streets of London. Being set in the Victorian times, we will learn about Victorian society and compare it to modern day society.



We will also be carrying out a great deal of historical research and using this to write biographies of key historical figures of the time.

Maths – This half term will be fractions, fractions and more fractions! We shall investigate fractions that have the same value (equivalent fractions) and how to add and subtract numbers. Again, solid recall of table facts will really help to manipulate and work with fractions so please keep practising!

Art –We will learn about how to create realistic portraits by focussing on the proportions of the face, and also how we can use blending of colours to show contouring. We will also study the life and art of William Morris, focussing on his print making.

Science – The children will be learning about evolution and inheritance, and the impact that Charles Darwin’s research had in this area. They will be learning about inheritance and adaptations of a species over time to ensure survival.

Dates to remember:	
Monday 19 th February	Back to school
Wednesday 21 st February	Trip to Royal Gunpowder Mills – Victorian costume please!
Wednesday 28 th February	5NR assembly at 10:40am.
Thursday 29 th March	Break up for Easter holidays