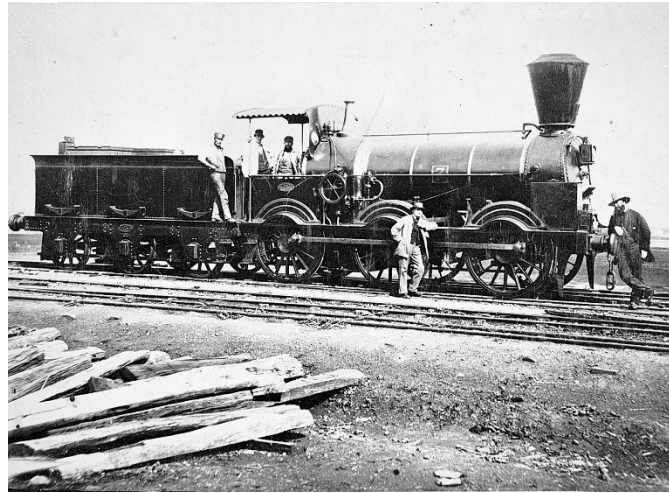


Year 5 – Revolution



Topic Overview

Step back into the smog-filled streets of Victorian Britain, a land of invention, industry, and incredible change. Wander through candlelit drawing rooms of the wealthy elite and stumble into soot-covered alleyways where the poor fought to survive. Meet children whose lives were worlds apart—some playing with fine porcelain dolls, others working long hours in factories, mines and chimney flues. Explore the thunderous heart of the Industrial Revolution. Gears turn, steam whistles blow, and great machines roar to life in bustling factories. Marvel as science and invention sweep the country—changing how people live, work and dream. Climb aboard the very first locomotives and rocket through the countryside on the expanding web of railways. Watch as towns grow into cities, and coastlines connect through iron rails and bridges. Transport is transformed—goods, people, and ideas race across the nation at speeds never seen before. Investigate life on both sides of the social divide. What was it like to be a servant in a grand Victorian house? Or a child in a ragged school with only chalk and slate? Discover how this great age of revolution laid the tracks for our modern world. The past is calling. Will you answer?

Recommended Books



This Term We Are Learning ...

English	This term in English, we will be exploring <i>The Boy at the Back of the Class</i> and using it as a stimulus for our writing. The children will write about key events from the story from an alternative character's point of view, encouraging them to think creatively and develop empathy. They will also write a letter in response to events in the book, focusing on expressing thoughts and feelings clearly. Alongside this, pupils will revisit and strengthen their understanding of key grammar skills, including the use of relative clauses, modal verbs, and how speech can be used effectively to advance the action within their writing.
Maths	Fractions - The children will use their division knowledge to divide whole numbers to create fractions and convert mixed numbers and improper fractions. Using pictorial methods, they will find equivalent fractions, order and compare fractions, mixed numbers and improper fractions and find common denominators. Children will also add and subtract fractions by finding a common denominator including where the sum is greater than 1. They will multiply fractions by whole numbers creating other fractions, mixed numbers or improper fractions. Angles: The children will learn how to measure angles in degrees ($^{\circ}$). They will learn how to calculate angles along a straight line and around a point.
Science	The children will learn about sexual reproduction in animals. They will ask pertinent questions and compare how different animals reproduce and grow. They will also describe the changes an animal goes through as they develop into old age. As a stand alone science lesson, the children will be looking at air resistance, friction and water resistance.
History	The children will learn who the Victorians were and explore what life was like for rich and poor children, including the conditions in slums and the daily chores many had to do. They will learn about the young Queen Victoria and how she came to the throne at just 18 years old. The children will investigate crime and punishment during the Victorian era and consider how it compares to modern times. In addition to this, they will learn how Didcot's land use has changed since Victorian times, focusing on how the Industrial Revolution transformed towns like Didcot. They will study how new transport links and the development of the railway helped Didcot grow and connect with other parts of the country.
Religious Education	<u>Christianity (People of God) - How can following God bring freedom and justice?</u> The children will learn how the story of Moses relates to the Christian concepts of freedom and salvation. The children will develop clearer connections between Bible texts studied and what Christians believe about being the People of God and how they should behave. We will look at how the ten commandments show Christians how to bring freedom and justice to society. The children will also explore ways in which some Christians put their beliefs into practice.

MFL (French)	<u>L'argent de poche (Pocket money)</u> - The children will learn numbers from 1-30 in French and understand them when spoken and say and write them in and out of sequence. They will be able to ask for and give prices in euros and express likes, dislikes and general opinions.
Art	The children will also learn how William Morris was inspired by nature and how his work linked to Victorian life and design.
P.E.	<u>Athletics</u> : Children will learn techniques and skills to improve their short and long-distance running. Children will also play games to improve timing of reactions. <u>Rounders</u> : Children will explore and experiment with bowling, batting and fielding skills in rounders. They will develop techniques to improve accuracy, coordination and teamwork, while practising how to run between bases quickly and safely through fun activities and games.
PSHE	<u>Changing Me</u> : The children will become more aware of body image and developing self-esteem. They will find out about the changes that happen to boys and girls during puberty. The children will understand that sexual intercourse can lead to conception. They will be able to identify the things that they are looking forward to when they become a teenager or move onto their next class.

How To Help Your Child's Learning

Homework

Additional homework will be set this term to help consolidate learning and support preparation for Year 6 and secondary school. This will be in addition to times tables practice, reading and spelling. As in the previous term, homework will be set on Wednesdays and will be due the following Tuesday.

Day	Miss Powell's and Mrs Hastings' class	Miss Brittain's class
Monday	Rashford reading diaries PE kit	Rashford reading diaries PE kit
Tuesday	Thunberg reading diaries Homework due	Thunberg reading diaries Homework due
Wednesday	Attenborough reading diaries PE kit	Attenborough reading diaries PE kit
Thursday	Malala reading diaries	Malala reading diaries
Friday		

Key Vocabulary

Victorian
Queen Victoria
Steam Engine
Factory
Railway
Inventor
Industrial Revolution
Child Labour
Rich and Poor
Transport

Items Related To Our Topic

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z94r3j6>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zkb6f6dm>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zbrj47h>

Information For This Term

Children need to come to school in their PE kit: outdoor clothing including a dark pair of tracksuit trousers/ shorts, a white t-shirt, and comfortable sports trainers. Now that we are in the summer term, please make sure you bring a sun hat and plenty of water. Please also ensure that **long hair is tied back** and children have **earrings removed**, or are able to take them out themselves. This is for health and safety reasons and children will be unable to participate if they have earrings in.