

# Revolution



Let's hop on a steam train and travel back in time to the Victorian era!

During this half term, we'll use non-fiction books to research Victorian life and people, including famous inventors, Charles Dickens and Queen Victoria herself. Then we'll compose biographies using our findings. We'll also explore classic story – Oliver Twist. We'll learn parlour songs and make Victorian samplers, just like a child in a Victorian school. We'll learn about crime and punishment and find out what life was like in a Victorian slum. How things have changed! We'll discover what happened during the Industrial Revolution and learn about significant inventions, including exploring electricity in Science. Copying the style of famous Victorian designer, William Morris, we'll experiment with block printing techniques.

UNIT FOCUS	History
English	Biographies with a focus on Charles Dickens and Queen Victoria Fiction writing based around Oliver Twist
History	The Empire, a child's life, crime and punishment, slums, suffragettes, Industrial Revolution
Science	Electricity
Art	William Morris block printing
DT	Sampler sewing
Music	Parlour songs
Computing	Online research and digital presentations

PSHCE, RE and PE will be taught discreetly this half term.

**On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February we will launch our topic with a dressing up day. If your child wishes to, they may come to school on this day dressed as a character from the Victorian era – this could be anyone from Queen Victoria to a street urchin!**

## Help your child prepare for their project

The Victorian era influenced the way we live now in many ways. Why not visit a local museum to learn about what Victorians' lives were like in your area? You could also visit the library to find out about local Victorian history. Alternatively, make a collage timeline of key events in the Victorian period.