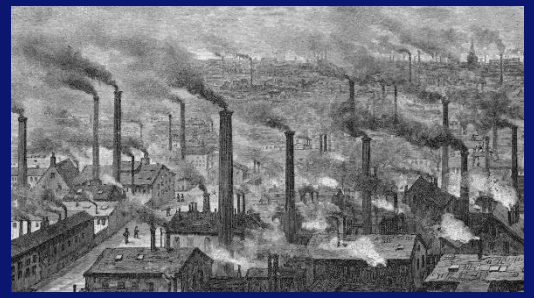


YEAR 6 – AUTUMN 1
THE VICTORIANS

This curriculum map gives an overview of what your child will be learning across the curriculum in their first half term in Year 6.



In **English**, we will be writing to describe. We will begin the year by focusing on writing grammatically correct sentences and we will use these skills to write cohesive setting descriptions.

As readers, we will be studying the novel 'Cogheart' by Peter Bunzl and focusing on the skills of summarising and retrieval.

Each week we will also develop spelling, vocabulary, grammar and punctuation.

In Year 6, joined handwriting is a big focus. We will be using 'Letter Join' to practise key letter formations and joins.

As **Design and Technologists**, we will be designing and making a Victorian style toy using CAMs.

As **historians**, we will explore life in Victorian Britain, learning about Queen Victoria, the Industrial Revolution and everyday life during the Victorian era. We will also undertake a local study of workhouses and the treatment of the poor, preparing us for our visit to Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse.

In **computing**, we will explore how computers are connected through systems and networks, developing our understanding of digital communication and collaborative working. We will also learn how to stay safe online by exploring key e-safety principles.

In **science**, we will investigate the properties of light, exploring how it travels, how it is reflected from different surfaces, and how shadows are formed. We will develop our scientific enquiry skills through a range of practical investigations and experiments.

In **maths**, we will be covering key objectives from the Year 6 curriculum including:

- Understanding place value in numbers up to 10,000,000
- Adding and subtracting numbers using a compact method
- Learning methods for long multiplication and long division
- Applying the correct order of operations (BIDMAS)

Each week we will continue to practise our arithmetic and problem-solving skills.

In **music**, we will compose and perform Victorian street cries.

Our **RE** lessons will focus on how different religions understand what it means to live a good life.

As **linguists**, we will be learning how to say and write the date in French.

Life Skills will focus on developing a growth mindset while exploring the importance of respect, empathy and informed decisions.

In **PE,** we will explore the principles of counterbalance and counter-tension through gymnastics.