

# Year 2 Newsletter

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We began this week with our Victorian Day. The children looked amazing in their Victorian outfits – thank you for making the effort with the costumes as they all certainly looked the part!



We began the day with a visit from Father Matthew, where he taught us the Lord's Prayer and discussed the meaning of the prayer with the children. Then we went through our Victorian rules for the day (which I personally thought were wonderful, but I think the children may have disagreed)! The children tried writing sentences on black boards using chalk. They found this very tricky, especially when the chalk kept breaking in two. We read a few lines from original Victorian books and tried to copy some of their handwriting on worksheets, which also proved very hard!

At break time, we took out some typical Victorian games to play, such as: skipping ropes, pull along wooden toys and wooden cups and balls. After break, we rehearsed our 10 and 5 times tables. Then we went outside for drills, where the boys and girls had to stand in separate lines and repeat exercises in time with each other.



In the afternoon, we designed and began to make wooden spoon puppets and peg dolls. Mrs Ward also visited us to teach us Italian, where we played bingo using the blackboards. It was a very enjoyable day and it made us all appreciate how lucky we are to have the resources in school that we have today.

This week we have also been learning how to use Microsoft Word in ICT. We wrote up our instructions for 'How to turn your teacher into a toad' using Word. Considering it was their first time using Word in school, the children all managed really well and we will hopefully be using their pieces for a display.

In history, we reviewed the facts we learnt about Queen Elizabeth I in Year 1 and also learnt about Queen Victoria. Then we made comparisons between the two queen's lives.

For maths, we carried out an addition investigation and we also practised counting back on a 100 square to help us with subtraction. Then we moved on to counting back in our heads to solve subtraction number sentences.

I have included some new spellings for the children to learn over half term, so they will be tested on the first Friday back (along with their times tables test as usual).

We hope you have a lovely half term,

Miss Hutchings, Mrs Preston-Plunkett and Mrs Sallnow

## Year 2 Spellings

Week 6

### Common Exception Words

<i>door</i>	<i>climb</i>
<i>floor</i>	<i>parents</i>
<i>again</i>	<i>most</i>
<i>wild</i>	<i>only</i>
<i>children</i>	<i>both</i>

