

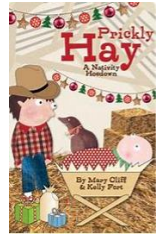




What are we learning this term?

Term: 2

## Cross-Curricular Themes: A Victorian Christmas

<p><b><u>Literacy &amp; Language</u></b></p> <p>New spelling rules will continue to be taught every fortnight. These new rules will be reinforced to prepare for a spelling test at the end of the fortnight.</p> <p>In term 2 we will continue to focus on reading comprehension. Some groups will use the text 'Why the Whales Came', some will be working through a series of short novels and some have become Reading Agents who have accepted a special reading challenge.</p> <p>In writing, we will be focussing on characterisation. Our Talk4Writing model text is an extract from the Anglo-Saxon story of 'Beowulf'.</p> <p><a href="#">Article 28, 12</a></p>	<p><b><u>Interdisciplinary Learning</u></b></p> <p>We have decided to extend our topic and will learn about Christmas during the Victorian era. This will give us the opportunity to bring our Victorian topic to a natural end as we head into what is going to be a very busy festive period in school. Children will learn about Christmas traditions introduced during the Victorian era and will replicate them in class. This will include playing parlour games, designing Christmas cards, making crackers and planning a Christmas feast.</p> <p><a href="#">Article 13, 17, 32</a></p>	<p><b><u>Health &amp; Wellbeing</u></b></p> <p>Swimming lessons for P5 – 7 will end on the 21<sup>st</sup> November. Lynsey from Active schools has started a 6-week block with the children on a Tuesday as they strive to gain their Spirit of Sport award.</p> <p>We are continuing to work outdoors with the nursery on a Wednesday afternoon. We plan to complete a number of activities that will develop the childrens' teamwork, resilience and problem-solving skills. These include den building, bird watching and making hibernation homes for animals.</p> <p><a href="#">Article 31</a></p>	<p><b><u>R.M.E</u></b></p> <p>This term we will learn about the Jewish coming of age ritual – Bar Mitzvah and Bat Mitzvah.</p>  <p>We will also re-visit the story of the first Christmas through our Christmas show.</p>  <p><a href="#">Article 14</a></p>
<p><b><u>Numeracy &amp; Mathematics</u></b></p> <p>In term 2 we will continue to develop and consolidate our number skills with Miss Wilson. We have also started to learn about angles and will begin to identify and order acute, right, obtuse angles. We will then move on to more practical activities where we will learn to use a protractor to measure angles. From there we will learn about complementary and reflex angles.</p> <p>On a Friday we will work on topical maths with Mrs Pringle.</p>	<p><b><u>Technologies</u></b></p> <p>We will continue to embrace as many opportunities as possible to use ICT and technology to enhance our learning. In term 2 we will use natural materials to create Christmas crafts. This give us practical opportunities to design, estimate and measure using appropriate instruments and units.</p> <p><a href="#">Article 17, Article 27 and Article 29,</a></p>	<p><b><u>Science</u></b></p> <p>In Science we will look at materials. We will investigate changes in substances, separate materials and explore dissolving. We will look at fair testing and how best to record our results.</p> <p><a href="#">Article 32</a></p>	<p><b><u>Expressive Arts</u></b></p> <p>We will celebrate Christmas through our school production.</p>  <p><a href="#">Article 29</a></p>

**Ethos and life of the school:** : On Wednesday afternoons we will continue to take our learning outdoors and will work in partnership with the nursery to complete some educational activities. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather on these days.