

# Year 3 Learning Web

Autumn 2 2017

## English Focus

- We will be looking at the story, *The Chimney Sweep*. We will complete a range of activities, including sequencing the story and identifying characters' thoughts and feelings.
- We will be looking at diary entries and creating our own diary entry from the perspective of a Victorian school child.
- We will be researching how the Victorians celebrated Christmas, and using this knowledge to create an information text.
- Finally, we will be writing instructions on how to make our Christmas tree ornament, which will link nicely to our work in DT.

## Maths Focus

Key Areas of Learning:

- Continuing to develop our mental strategies for subtraction.
- Beginning to learn more formal methods of subtraction and beginning to cross the 10s barrier with this.
- Looking at finding the difference between two numbers using a number line.
- Looking at multiplication and division, how they are linked and beginning to use these skills with bigger numbers.
- When problem solving, we will be looking more closely at the reasoning behind our answers.
- We will be continuing to practise our times tables and completing the **99 Club**. Please help your children to learn their times tables.

## Knowledge and Understanding

### Learning challenge: The Victorians

- In History, we will be finding out about the Victorian period. We will be learning about Queen Victoria and her life, famous inventions and people, and experiencing life as a Victorian school child.
- We will briefly be looking at the British Empire and identifying some of the countries that were previously under British rule.
- In RSMSC, we will be asking what people believe about God, with a focus on Christian and Muslim faiths. We will also be looking at the Christmas story in the run-up to the festive period.

## Creativity

- In Art and Design, we will be researching and designing Victorian Christmas cards and Christmas tree ornaments.
- In Music, we will be looking and listening carefully to famous composers, especially from around the Victorian era, as well as learning and performing songs for our Christmas production.
- In PE, our focus will be developing our skills in team games (with Coach Unlimited on a Friday afternoon). 3T will start swimming lessons at the end of November – letter to follow.

## STEM (including Computing and Science) and Health and Wellbeing

### Learning challenge: Forces and magnets

- In Science, we will be focusing on different types of forces, identifying where a force comes from to make something move. We will be looking more closely at magnetism: what objects are attracted and repelled by magnets and how to test how strong a magnet is.
- In Computing, we will be developing our key skills by creating a fact sheet on Microsoft Word. We will then be beginning to learn how to code and debug computer programmes using the Chimp programme on PurpleMash.
- Our PSHE this half term will be focusing on celebrating our differences, with a look at anti-bullying too.

## Ways you can help at home

- Read little and often each day. We will be reading for meaning and understanding. Ask lots of questions about the text and encourage the children to form opinions.
- Practise 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 times tables to learn them off by heart. Recognise the corresponding division facts.
- Encourage your child to complete their homework and hand it in on time.
- Encourage your child to be independent and sort equipment for school themselves.
- Remind children to have a full PE kit in school all week.