

Upstairs, Downstairs

Year 4 Autumn Term 2025

Key texts used this term:

Street Child by Berlie Doherty

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

Plus a selection of non-fiction Victorian texts



The writing opportunities this term will include:

A story based on Street Child

A recount based on A Christmas Carol

A persuasive job application for servant position at Preston Manor

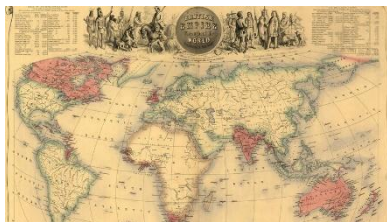


Within History, key learning will be based on:

- Who was Queen Victoria and when was the Victorian era?
- How was Britain ruled during Victorian times?
- Life in Victorian Britain – rich vs poor

Within Geography the depth study will answer:

- The sun never sets on the British Empire – routes around the world, transport and the Suez Canal



Within Maths we will be following the programmes of study from the National Curriculum.

Opportunities for applying mathematical skills including reasoning will be given throughout the maths learning.

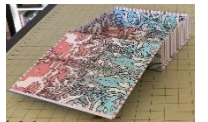
Our key learning in Science will be on sound and electricity including:

- Identify how sounds are made and travel through a medium to the ear.
- Construct a simple circuit, and investigate circuit components, conductors and insulators.



The Art focus will be exploring the works of William Morris and then creating their own design.

Within DT, within food technology, Victoria Sponge will be made. Through the woodwork unit, boxes with hinges will be explored, designed, made and evaluated.



Other curriculum areas:

RE: Christianity – How does believing Jesus is their saviour inspire Christians to save and serve others? & Islam – Why do Muslims call Muhammad the 'seal of the prophets'?

RSHE: Physical, emotional and mental health, respectful and healthy relationships and healthy diet

PE: Dance, Ball skills, Yoga, Tag Rugby

Computing: Online safety, PowerPoint, Coding and the computing pioneer Ada Lovelace (the World's first computer programmer)

Music: Learning to play the glockenspiel followed by a unit on How does music bring us together?

MFL: Continuing to develop our French speaking and listening skills using Rigolo.

