

Oak class - Autumn term 2

Our topic title this term has been 'The Victorians - Vile or Victorious' and Oak class have been trying to answer the question 'How did the Victorians make Great Britain great?'

We started our topic with a Black History Month focus, learning about some significant black individuals from Victorian times (Mary Seacole, Pablo Fanque and Sarah Forbes Bonetta) and making a film about them. We have learnt about the differences between school in Victorian times and today, the jobs that children did, some of the amazing things that the Victorians invented, and how they celebrated Christmas.



The highlight of our term was definitely our Victorian day at Beaumanor Hall, and we also had a wonderful art week looking at Henri Rousseau's 'Surprised' for Take one Picture. This week included drama, creative writing and an amazing art workshop with Kathryn Saunby art studio.



In English, we have based most of our work on 'Street Child' by Berlie Docherty, writing diary entries based on the character of Jim. We have also written film scripts for Black History Month and completed narrative writing based on our Take One Picture piece, and on the Christmas film 'Give a Little Love'.

In maths, we have been working on our mental and written calculation methods, building fluency and confidence in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division as well as learning about multiples, factors, primes, square and cube numbers.

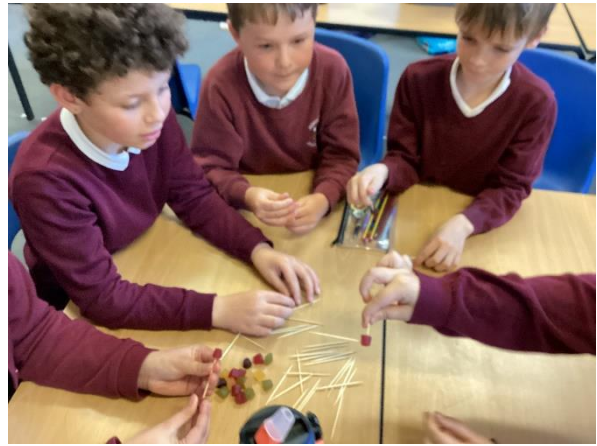
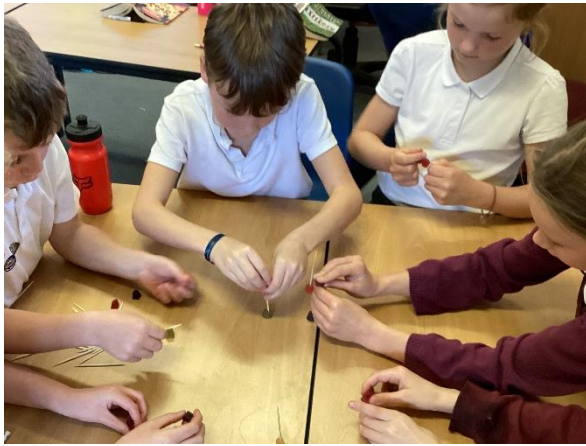
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In science, we have been learning about the classification of living things, focusing in particular on micro-organisms. We investigated what factors make bread go mouldy and learnt about helpful and harmful micro-organisms.

In RE, we have been learning about why Christians think that Jesus is the Messiah, looking at extracts from the Bible including the prophecies from the Old Testament. Our PSHE learning has linked to our work on the Victorians, learning about what we need to survive and thrive, the issue of child poverty both in the Victorian and modern times, and the work of Barnardos charity.

In PE, the class have been developing their basketball skills with Kat, as well as entering the virtual indoor athletics competition. They have continued with their Daily Boost every day for 10-15 minutes.

Oak have continued with their brass lessons this term, in preparation for their end of term performance. The improvement in a few short weeks has been remarkable! We have also continued with our French lessons with Mrs Grimes.



Every Friday, we spend some time winding down at the end of a hard-working week with our 'Feel Good Friday' session. We were visited by Hannah from The Art of Brilliance earlier this term, who helped us think positively and work as a team on the toothpick and wine gum construction challenge!