

## 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 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. We read the book 'Street Child' by Berlie Docherty, and related it to the story of the real Dr Barnado. We also demonstrated our sewing skills by making beautiful Victorian lavender bags in DT, to make our clothes smell sweet and keep the moths away, just like the Victorians did! We also visited the church where Rev Jane and Mr Runacres talked to us about Sunday school, and even took us to the shop to buy some sweets with a Victorian penny!



In English, we have based most of our work on 'Street Child', writing diary entries based on the character of Jim and his time at the workhouse. We have also written persuasive speeches to convince the panel of judges which was the best Victorian Invention ever.

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

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 focused on being a good citizen by recycling and reducing our energy use, as well as thinking about issues around bullying for anti-bullying week.

Computing has focused on using spreadsheets to solve problems and create formulas - including working our times tables out!

In PE, the class have been developing their dodgeball and tag rugby skills with Kat, as well as swimming every week. They have continued with their Daily Boost every day for 10-15 minutes to keep active.

