



PE lessons are every **Thursday and Friday (Scarlet) Tuesday and Wednesday (Orange) and Wednesday and Friday (Silver)**. Please ensure your child has suitable kit for both indoor and outdoor PE in all seasons. Either plimsolls or trainers, blue or black plain shorts / jogging bottoms and a blue or white t-shirt.

Return your reading book and diary every day. Remember you need read at home so that you can achieve **100%** in your reading quizzes!



Homework is given out every half term and must be returned by the dates indicated on the homework sheet. If you need help, see you class teacher **before the hand in dates**.

Try to complete activities on Mathletics everyday to improve your skills and earn bronze, silver and gold certificates. Visit www.mathletics.co.uk



Earning Multiplication Awards

	Year 3	Year 4
Bronze	Recite 4x and 8x tables and identify random facts.	Recite the 6x, 7x, 9x, 11x, 12x tables
Silver	Identify random multiplication facts for 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 8x and 10x tables.	Recite random facts for all multiplication tables up to 12 x 12
Gold	Derive division facts for 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 8x and 10x tables.	Derive division facts from all tables up to 12x12.

Fell Dyke Community Primary School

Curriculum Information



Autumn Term 2
Years 3 & 4

This term, our theme is ...

A Step Back in Time



Useful Website Links

[BBC Bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/)
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/> (engaging English and Maths games)
[Cool Maths Games](http://www.coolmath-games.com)
<http://www.coolmath-games.com> (exciting Maths challenges)
[BBC Bitesize - Victorian Children](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/victorian_britain/children_in_factories/)
http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/victorian_britain/children_in_factories/
[Victorian Children](http://www.victorianchildren.org/victorian-inventions/)
<http://www.victorianchildren.org/victorian-inventions/>
[Woodlands Junior - Victorians](http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/homework/victorians/inventions.html)
<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/homework/victorians/inventions.html> (Victorian facts)



Places to Visit

In Years 3 and 4, we are learning about life for children in the Victorian era. We will make comparison with children's lives today. We will be visiting Beamish museum early in the term where children will experience life in a Victorian classroom. Hopefully we can visit the mine to observe some of the working conditions for poor children at that time.

You could visit :
 The Discovery Museum
 Stephenson Railway Museum
 Local Libraries

How to support your child in English this term

This half term, in English, the children will be reading the well known novel of Oliver Twist, written by Charles Dickens. Children will take on the roles of various characters in the books to allow them to write diary entries, recounts of events in the novel and complete their own story from a historical setting, in this case, the Victorian era. This novel ties in perfectly with our Step Back in Time theme as it will allow them to understand what life was like for children in this period. At home, ask your child what is happening in the story so far and encourage them to compare Oliver's experiences with their own.

Discuss your child's home reading book with them to increase their comprehension. Children will be able to complete an on-line quiz in school after the completion of each book. Your help at home will mean children will be successful and achieve more points at the end of each quiz. Ask them lots of questions about author's choice of words and how they affect the reader. When you come across new words, look them up in the dictionary together.

Things to practise in Maths this term

It is very important for children to know their multiplication tables as it helps in all aspects of maths. We would like every child in Years 3 & 4 to have their **bronze badge by Christmas!**

We are also looking at finding multiples of 10 or 100 more or less in maths this half term. Practice doing this, remembering to ask your child what patterns they notice. For example, when finding ten more or less the ones digit will always stay the same.

Adding and subtracting numbers is really important in lots of areas and this will also be a focus for this half term. Please practise adding and subtracting, 2 and 3 digit numbers mentally. Encourage your child to show you the written methods we will be using in class. It is likely to be different to what you learned yourselves!

Please encourage your child to access Mathletics where there are many online fun activities for them to develop these skills.

Other ways to help your child

Encourage your child to add detail when they speak:
 Ask them lots of questions so they can expand on their ideas.

Read a range of texts:
 Books from home and school, newspapers, magazines, comics, and websites.

Watch the news or Newsround:
 Discuss the stories. Ask them to find out more on the CBBC website.

Tell the time:
 Encourage your child to read the time on analogue and digital clocks. See if they can work out difference between the times.

Helpful words to read and spell this half term

Creative Curriculum Theme Words			Important words and phrases			Spelling Rules
workhouse	labour	coal	past tense	when...	After a while...	Year 3 Suffix -ly- discuss how adding -ly to an adjective can form an adverb <i>Examples: sadly, completely, finally.</i>
Victorian	mines	colliery	Once...	Feeling afraid...	...because	
gruel	chimney	factories	greater than	less than	increase	Year 4 Prefixes- discuss how prefixes at the start of words can change their meaning e.g im - ir - re- <i>Examples: immature, irregular, redecorate</i>
orphan	orphanage	pauper	Explain (your answer)	justify (your answer)	decrease	

