

## Starfish Standard

Autumn 2 2012

### The Victorians: Life as a Victorian Child

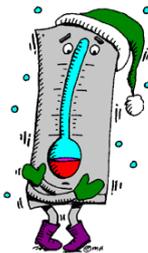
The children will be writing a Victorian story this half term based on the story 'Oliver'. They will explore the characters in the story and then create their own fictional character to write about.

As well as story writing, the children will explore a Victorian Christmas: looking at crafts, decorations, food and drink, gifts and games.



### Science

This half term's topic in science is 'Keeping Warm'. The children will learn about thermal insulators as materials which can help keep things warm or cool as well as using thermometers to make careful measurements of temperatures.



Experiment on line with keeping warm by accessing this website:

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/8\\_9/keeping\\_warm.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/8_9/keeping_warm.shtml)

### Music

The children will continue to be taught drumming this half term by an external teacher. The children are making excellent progress with this. Watch this space for a spectacular performance!



We will also have singing lessons this half term, also taught by an external teacher.

### Numeracy

There is still a need for all the children to learn their times tables up to 10x10. As well as knowing the multiplication facts, the children also need to recall the corresponding division facts.



Try these different methods:

- Get the children to learn by adding on the same amount each time.
- Time the children completing an empty multiplication square - can they beat their score each time?
- Test them by asking questions out of sequence.
- Learn the old fashioned way of repetition!

Try this website for online games:

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/timestable/interactive.htm>



### RE

Our RE this half term will focus on 'Right and Wrong'. This will be explored by using stories from different faiths as well as through discussions about doing the 'right' thing in a given situation.

The children will also look at the factors that can make choosing right over wrong difficult.

