



Last half-term, we enjoyed...

improving our maths skills by learning how to multiply bigger numbers and rounding; having an amazing visit to Hothersall Lodge for our residential trip and being nature scientists; learning all about where the Roman Empire came from and how it changed life in Britain; studying different texts such as How to Train Your Dragon, Macavity the Mystery Cat and the Pied Piper in our English lessons; creating wonderful portraits in the warm coloured style popularised by Henri Matisse; practising our gymnastic skills with different types of rolls, balances and travelling; investigating rivers, states of matter and the world around us and lots more!

This half-term, we are looking forward to...

continuing our learning about the history of Britain by studying the Industrial Revolution; lyric writing in music with a visiting musician to support our understanding of the Great Plague, which we will reinforce through our dance lessons in P.E.; designing and creating electrical circuits to build a morse code machine; furthering our geographical understanding of our environment in Art by painting wonderful river landscapes; perfecting our writing and reading skills with some amazing novels, such as The Firework Maker's Daughter by Phillip Pullman and The Girl who Stole an Elephant by Nirzana Farook; as well as coding our own apps and much more besides!

Key Vocabulary

Words to practise at home:

Industrial, revolution, circuit, morse, landscape, environment, bulb, series, parallel, plague.

Useful websites:

The Great Plague:

<https://kids.britannica.com/students/article/Great-Plague-of-London/632149>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z8yd8hv/revison/5>

The Industrial Revolution:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zxwxvcw/articles/zntn6v4>

<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/Industrial-Revolution/353290>

Electrical circuits:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/search.aspx?q=circuits>

Important days and dates

- Fridays are P.E. days in Blue Class. Children will be continuing to swim every Friday and will also have a P.E. session in school after lunch so should be dressed appropriately.
- For this half term, the children will be doing water safety so will require long sleeved pyjamas to practise these essential skills in.