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Dear Parents/Carers of Marine Academy Primary **Year 2** pupils,

To kick start the children's time in Year 2, this term, they will be learning about **Vile Victorians** in their **History** lessons. The reign of Queen Victoria was an era of astonishing progress and prosperity for Britain. It was the age of the railway and feats of engineering; of manufacturing and trade; and of numerous discoveries in science and medicine. They may have looked all prim and proper, but the Victorians were a jolly naughty bunch who could be vicious, violent and villainous.



The children will learn about different aspects of Victorian life, what it was like for the rich and the poor and will compare it with life today. A knowledge organiser sharing all of the information – including key vocabulary, a timeline and key facts – that the children will learn about in their History lessons is at the bottom of this letter. Please feel free to use this with your child to develop their knowledge and understanding at home.



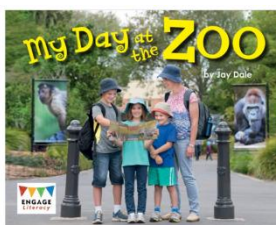
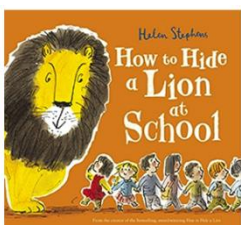
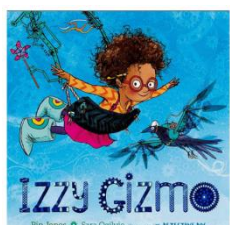
In **Science**, the children will be learning about the topic 'Healthy Me', when the children will be learning about keeping our minds healthy as well as our bodies, about the importance of exercise and healthy eating, and how germs can spread through sneezing. They will also learn about why we protect our heads when riding on a bike or a scooter by wearing a helmet and will have a go at designing and testing their own!



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In **English**, the children will be learning about the texts 'How to Hide a Lion at School' by Helen Stephens and 'My Day at the Zoo' by Jay Dale and in their **Whole Class Reading** sessions, they will be studying 'Izzy Gizmo' by Pip Jones.

In **Maths**, children will learn to:

- Recall all number bonds to and within 10 and use these to find bonds to and within 20, and recognising other similar number relationships (e.g. If $7 + 3 = 10$, then $17 + 3 = 20$; if $7 - 3 = 4$, then $17 - 3 = 14$; leading to if $14 + 3 = 17$, then $3 + 14 = 17$, $17 - 14 = 3$ and $17 - 3 = 14$).
- Recognise the place value of each digit in a two-digit number (tens, ones), and then learn how to partition these into different combinations of tens and ones using apparatus if needed e.g. 23 is the same as 2 tens and 3 ones which is the same as 1 ten and 13 ones.
- Compare and order numbers from 0 up to 100; use $<$, $>$ and $=$ signs.
- Read and write numbers to at least 100 in numerals and words.
- Solve problems with addition and subtraction using objects and pictures, including those involving numbers, quantities and measures.

In **RE**, the children will explore the question 'Who is Muslim and how do they live?' and in **SMSC** (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural education) the children will learn about 'Me and My Relationships'.

In **Computing** lessons, the children will learn about the topic 'Information Technology Around Us'. In this topic, children will learn that they need to keep their personal information private and find out how others use technology outside of school.



In **Art**, they will be creating clay sculptures to show the patterns and designs of Victorian properties.

In **PE**, they will be learning Multi Skills, including balance, agility and coordination, and this will usually be on a Tuesday.



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If you ever have any questions about your child's learning, please do not hesitate to speak to their class teacher or email year2@marineacademy.org.uk. We are really looking forward to another great year ahead!

Yours sincerely,

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Year 2 Term 1 Vile Victorians

1837

Queen Victoria became Queen at age 18.



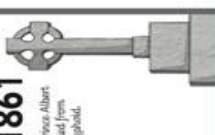
1840

Queen Victoria and Prince Albert got married.



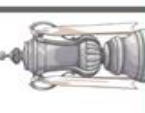
1861

Prince Albert died from typhoid.



1872

First FA Cup Final.



1876

The telephone was invented by Alexander Bell.



1880

The Education Act. School was made compulsory for all children.



1901

Queen Victoria died.



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Edward VII became King.

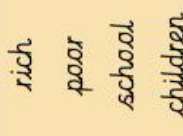


Timeline of Key Events

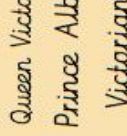
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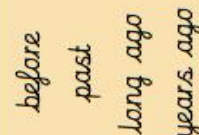
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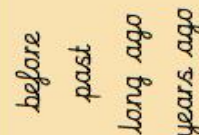
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years ago



Key Images

Born 1819



Became Queen at the age of 18 and reigned for 63 years. Married Prince Albert and had 9 children.

Key Vocabulary

The Lady with the Lamp.



A nurse who drastically improved the cleanliness of hospitals. Opened a nursing school.