

Bowling Park Primary School

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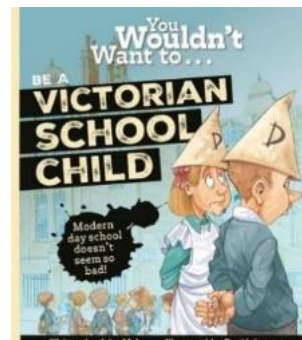


Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to the Spring 2 Term Year Two newsletter.

This half term, our topic in Year 2 is 'Our past.'

As part of this topic, we will be learning all about school now and school in the past. This includes looking at Bowling Park Primary School as our Usher Street site is a Victorian school. Our important question is: How was school different in the past?

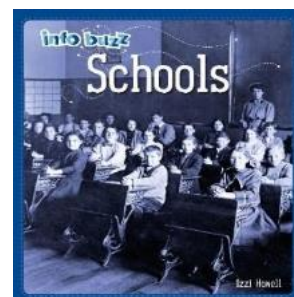
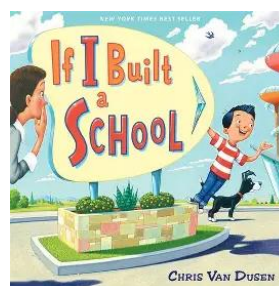


As readers and writers, we will look at these core texts:

Find the links to two of these books here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l3g7_bTLebo

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gbhrcOt1KXM>



Questions to discuss at home:

How was school different in the past?

How was school different when your parents went to school?

What do you think schools will be like in the future?

To become immersed into Victorian schools, we will have a Victorian school morning where our teachers will become Victorian school teachers. They will become strict, teach us the lessons the children used to be taught and even dress as a Victorian School teacher. Don't worry, they won't become too strict!

Readers

Please ensure your child reads their Little Wandle book at home each week when these are sent home. They will also have their library books to read. We encourage your child to read every day, even if it is just a couple of pages. This should be signed into their reading record. Please bring their book back each Monday morning. <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Writers

In writing, we will write about how things have changed in schools and write a recount pretending to be Victorian school children. We will consolidate our knowledge of full stops, finger spaces, capital letters, question marks, expanded noun phrases and conjunctions. Our teachers will encourage us to use exclamation sentences, commas in a list, apostrophes for possession and ensure our spelling is accurate. Can you practice spelling common exception words at home? You can also use your spelling shed log in to access more spelling practice.

Year 2 - Common Exception Words

door	floor	poor	because	find	kind	mind
behind	child	children	wild	climb	most	only
both	old	gold	cold	hold	told	every
everybody	even	great	break	steak	pretty	beautiful
after	fast	last	past	father	class	grass
pass	plant	path	bath	hour	move	prove
improve	sure	sugar	eye	could	should	would
who	whole	any	many	clothes	busy	people
water	again	half	money	Mr	Mrs	parents

Scientists

In science, we are going to be learning about plants. We will discover about what plants need to be healthy and survive as well as growing our own sweet peas. To help us explore what plants need to grow, we will see what happens when some of the plants don't get light, water or warmth.



Mathematicians

In maths, we will be covering a range of skills including fractions, addition, subtraction and measuring length and height. Can you identify a half, three quarters, a quarter and a third of amounts and shapes? Can you use a ruler to measure in cm and m?

To learn more about your maths topics, access these resources:

To learn about addition and subtraction:

[Adding and subtracting - KS1 Maths - BBC Bitesize](#)

To learn about fractions:

[Fractions - KS1 Maths - BBC Bitesize](#)

To learn about measure:

[Measuring - KS1 Maths - BBC Bitesize](#)

Sports

Please send children to school in their PE kit: white t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms, black trainers or pumps. Please ensure any children with their ears pierced take these out at home. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us!

Home learning expectations

Please take some time to look at the following table to see what your child should be doing at home to extend their learning:

Activity/Task	Frequency
Reading their book band book	X3 a week
TT Rockstar - Soundcheck	Daily – for 10 minutes
Spelling Shed	Daily - for 5 minutes

Thank you!

The Year Two team