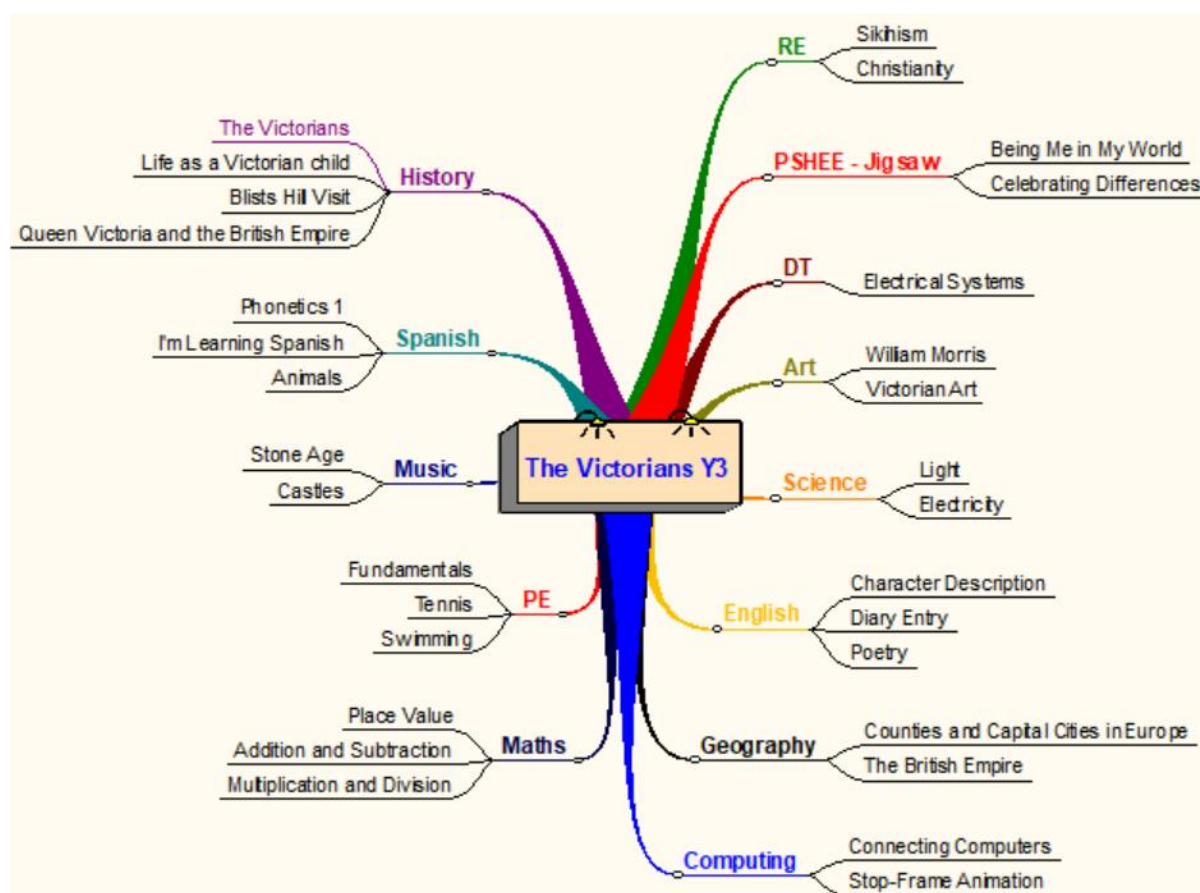




Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you and your child had a wonderful summer break and are looking forward to the new term ahead. We are so impressed with how the children have settled into their new classes and new academic year. To begin this academic year the staff are Mrs Brannen, Mrs Wright and Miss Savill. Mrs Lee is recovering from her operation and we hope to welcome her back soon.

The Victorians will form the main theme for our work for this term with many cross-curricular links. There will be a trip to Blists Hill and other creative activities in order to make the learning as experiential as possible. The following mind map gives you an overview of the work we are covering in all subjects during the term.



## Times Tables

As the children are becoming aware, times tables are incredibly important in all areas of maths work. By the end of Year 3, we are hoping they are confident in 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables. Any additional practise that your child can do outside of school hours will improve their knowledge even further. Times Tables Rockstars logins will be sent home with your child shortly as this is a great platform for practising at home.

## Reading

We complete whole-class reading sessions daily in school where we explore a range of stories, non-fiction texts and poetry. We would still encourage children to be reading a diverse range of material at home. As the children have developed their understanding of the different genres that exist, it would be beneficial for your child to explore these genres and authors further at home. This will encourage them to take risks with their reading and to step out of their comfort zones. For the Autumn term, we will be focusing on the authors Dick King Smith and David Walliams.

## Spellings

**Weekly spellings are set on a Friday and tested the following Friday.** We will always go through these in school and will provide the children with opportunities throughout the week to practise. However, children should also be practising regularly at home and writing sentences using their spellings in context. This will help them learn their spellings and use them in their writing effectively.

## PE Days

Finally, just a reminder that our **PE days will be a Wednesday and Friday.** Therefore, children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kits on these days. Please ensure your child has adequate winter PE kit with them as the weather becomes colder. As part of our P.E. curriculum, swimming will take place this term (dates will be sent out for this shortly) and you will be informed of any changes to PE days.

We look forward to meeting you at parent consultations in October, however if you have any queries, questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to us in person or contact us via the class email [lilleshall.year3@taw.org.uk](mailto:lilleshall.year3@taw.org.uk).

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Brannen, Mrs Wright and Miss Savill