



Year 5 Newsletter

Spring 2

The second Spring Term has begun with a rush of different activities—we have lots to do and the term is a very short one! Our class text is 'Tom's Midnight Garden' and as our hook task we each created a magical garden of our own using watercolours—we had some beautiful examples! Science has seen us making and trying out mini parachutes to test air-resistance, linked with our Science topic of Forces. We are studying The Victorians in History, and ahead of our Victorian Day at Gressenhall Museum, we have already had the chance to handle some Victorian artefacts including butter 'pats' (used for making blocks of butter) and irons (which would have been heated on a kitchen range). We also listened to a gramophone record!

Dates for your diary

Monday 2nd March—
Victorian Trip to
Gressenhall

Friday 6th March—World
Book Day

Mon 16th / Tue 17th
March—Parents' evening

Tue 17th March—
Crafternoon

Sharing a worry

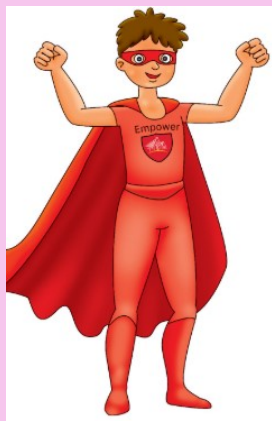
Everyone, everyday has a mixture of feelings and thoughts. We **empower** the children by encouraging them to talk to an adult at school. Our younger children and older ones can always talk to an adult during play and break times. We also teach the children to either show their feeling on the feeling chart (Nursery / Reception) or to write their name on a blue post it note (Year 1-6). An adult will then speak to them about a worry or a concern.

If as parents you would like to speak to a member of our pastoral team about a worry or concern, please contact the academy office.

To **empower** ourselves when learning we need good listening we follow SLANT.

Good listening means SLANT

- Sit up
- Lean in and listen
- Ask and answer questions
- Nod your head
- Track the speaker



Our Value this half term is 'Empower'

Empower - A Norwich Road Academy Super Learner empowers others with their learning and empowers themselves to take on new challenges with their learning. They take risks and are not afraid to get things wrong. They grow in confidence and enthusiasm.

This half term we will be focusing on hard work and trying our best. We will try and help ourselves when completing tasks by using a range of resources. Super Learners will be aware of their next learning steps and use feedback to improve their work.

Curriculum Focus

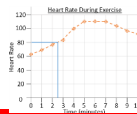
English

Our book this half-term is 'Tom's Midnight Garden' which is a tale of a boy—taken away from his home—who gains access to a huge, Victorian Garden as his playground.



Maths

Our Maths this half-term will focus on Statistics, learning about handling data in the form of charts, graphs and tables. We will also revisit all of our arithmetic topics to ensure we are super-confident at these.



Science

We are revisiting the topic of 'Forces' this half-term, focusing on friction, air and water resistance and simple machines such as levers.



French

We are learning all about the different terms in French for describing and predicting the weather. This will include times and directions, so we are able to describe where each type of weather is happening, and when!



DT

We are working with Mrs Walsh this half-term on food technology, and have already proven our knowledge about food safety and hygiene. We are working towards making honey-bread!



Life Skills

This term we are focussed on safety before moving on to citizenship. This will cover staying safe online, as well as dangerous substances and a little bit of first aid!



RE

We will be dipping into philosophy this half-term with a look at the ideas of famous philosophers around Christian and Humanist beliefs.



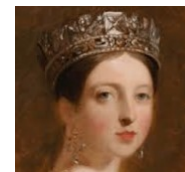
Geography

Our area of study in Geography is Australia in the next few weeks, learning about this enormous island and its contrasting climates and biomes, from mountains to deserts to rainforests and more!



History

The Victorians are our topic this half-term and we will be learning about the main events in the reign of Queen Victoria as well as how the world changed during this time.



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