




10 Minute Challenges - Spring 1 - Week 1 - 09/01/25

	Challenge:
Task 1	<p>We will be continuing to refine our handwriting this ½ term. We have now retaught the entire alphabet and will be moving on to joining techniques and encouraging the children to start each letter from the line within all of their writing. This week, please could the children practice some horizontal joins. Practice tracing the common horizontal joins and writing the common joins before writing the three sentences on the lines provided.</p> <p>These letters join horizontally to the next letter:</p> <p>n w o r</p>  <p>Practise these common horizontal joins:</p> <p>ni wo ru wa oc ro wn ve re oe</p> <hr/> <p>Follow two foxes to a wood.</p> <hr/> <p>The van windows are red.</p> <hr/> <p>Come down now!</p> <hr/>
Task 2	<p>Although we will be continuing to recap the 2 and 10X tables over the coming weeks and testing the children on the table that they are currently working on, we will also be introducing the 5X table. Watch out for 5X being added to TT Rockstars for those that are ready. This week I'd like you to have a listen to the song, have a dance along and hopefully start to recognise the rhythm and pattern of the 5X table.</p>  
Task 3	<p>Our topic this ½ term focuses on the Victorians. This week in class we will be learning where the Victorian era gets its name from and beginning to look at some of the inventions during the Victorian era. What facts can you learn about Queen Victoria's Coronation from the 60-second-read below?</p>

Queen Victoria's Coronation

13 I was woken up at 4 o'clock by the guns in the park
23 and couldn't get back to sleep because of the noise
34 of the crowds and bands. I got dressed in my royal
40 robes and had a little breakfast.

51 At 10 o'clock I got into the royal coach and began
60 my journey to the Abbey. Millions of loyal people
70 lined the streets. I really cannot say how proud I
78 feel to be the Queen of this country.

85 I reached the Abbey to deafening cheers...

94 At the Abbey there was a long service, which
101 ended with the crown being placed on
108 my head. It was a most beautiful
111 and impressive moment.



Questions



1. What time was Victoria woken up?



2. Which two words does Victoria use to describe the moment the crown was put on her head?



3. What did Victoria do after dressing in her robes and having breakfast?



4. How did people feel about Victoria becoming queen? How do you know?

Task
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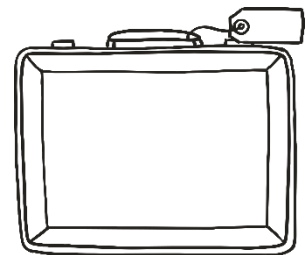
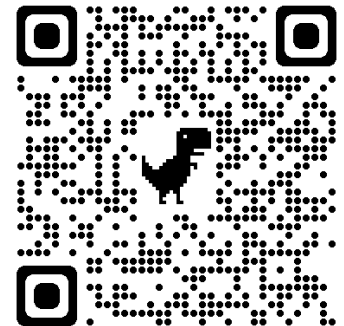
Our show & tell 10-minute-challenge this ½ term will focus on the oceans. However, we still have two more destinations / continents to cover that we ran out of time for last ½ term!

South America in the Winter

In school we learnt about the Equator and what the weather might be like if we lived a little closer to the Equator (I wish!). We learnt that the Equator is an imaginary line around the Earth that passes through multiple continents, one being South America. So what does this line tell me and what would you pack for a week in South America in January?

Either bring in 1-2 items that you would take or do a simple sketch of a suitcase and fill it with the items you would need. Remember, for show & tell you're going to have to explain why you chose these items; demonstrating your understanding of the weather near to the Equator and the continent of South America.

Note: If you'd like a little refresher on the Equator - use the QR code attached.



Victorian Day - Friday 17th January

I sent out a Marvellous Me earlier in the week as well as informing the children that we have a special Victorian history day coming up. The children are invited to wear a Victorian outfit. This can be as simple as normal school uniform with a white t-shirt, polo or shirt and a bonnet / flat cap (if you have one). We do not want to cause extra expense so close to Christmas but the children do love dressing up and getting stuck in role - playing life as a Victorian. Ask around parents / families in older classes as we've completed this topic previously and children may have items / costumes that can be borrowed!

