Welcome to the Summer Term Robin class, and this rather unusual start to the term. This term we will continue with our learning as best as we can because – well that is all we can do. I will try my very best and I know that I can expect the same from all of you.

You take an omnibus along London’s Knightsbridge in the summer of 1851 and you see an astonishing sight. Glittering among the trees is a palace made of glass as tall as the trees themselves – it even has trees inside. A shower of rain washes the dust from the glass and it and makes it glitter all the more. Nothing like this has ever been seen in London. It is The Great Exhibition.

We will spend the term looking at inventors, inventions, The Victorians and The Great Exhibition. The Great Exhibition was a huge Victorian success, promoted by Prince Albert. It saw 6 million people attending confirming Great Britain as the leader of the Industrial world. Our writing this term will focus on non-fiction writing for a purpose. We will write reports, information texts, formal letters and biographies of an inventor of your own choice. Alongside writing, we will be focusing heavily on Design and Technology, designing a common household product for the kitchen that is fit for purpose and then making a model of our finished design. In art and design we will look at the great designers from history recording ideas for design in our sketch books.

History will feature heavily in our learning this term. We will think about Victorian Britain and the importance of the Industrial Revolution to this country. What impact did the Victorians have on British society and how does their legacy continue to the present day?

Our science learning this term will focus on animals, including humans. We will look at: food chains; the digestive system; and the function of different bones and teeth. We will use Scratch online learning in computing to create a programme, work with different variables and solve problems by breaking them into smaller parts. In PSHE we will continue to think about the zones of regulation, discuss perfectionism and anxiety about receiving rewards. Music this term will be all about pulse and rhythm and the difference between them.

For PE we will be honing our athletic skills in preparation for Sport’s Day and playing cricket – of course. In RE we will think about the Christian Trinity. We will also be thinking about a famous religious pilgrimage in this country: St Michael’s Tower on Glastonbury Tor which was both a Pagan and Catholic pilgrimage.

Well done for all the incredible #homelearning taking place at present. Please remember that if you have any questions, please do contact me via the support@st-peters.school email address. The robin@st-peters.school email address is for submitting work to receive feedback on.

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