

Year 4's Newsletter

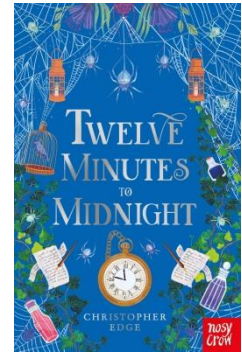
Miss Aguilar, Miss McDonald and Mrs Khan

Welcome to the Spring Term at Edna G. Olds Academy.

Our topic this half term is The Victorians!

We have already been investigating in to what life was like for people in the Victorian era – young and old, poor or wealthy. Throughout this half term, Year 4 will be exploring many different events that shaped the era, as well as those that are still having an effect on us now.

In English, we are learning about diary entries. In particular, we are looking at how to write a diary full of suspense and intrigue entries based on our class book *Twelve Minutes to Midnight*. The story is set in the Victorian era and centres on a girl who runs the magazine *The Penny Dreadful*.



In topic, we have already begun our exciting journey of getting hands-on with Victorian life. We've looked at the workhouses and how children were affected by this. In addition, we've also learned how to make gruel – a very popular dish served to poor people in the workhouses. We've learned how to make wooden spoon dollies, as well as thaumatropes!

I'm so impressed with Year 4's dedication to learning. Even though we can't all be together, we love seeing each other every day for our live lessons on Showbie. Well done Year 4 for a fantastic start to the half term!



*Traditional Victorian gruel.
Made by Simah*



A thaumatrope and a wooden spoon dolly.