

NEWSLETTER FOR CLASS 4/5 APRIL 2018



Welcome

We hope that you have had a wonderful Easter holidays and are full of energy for the new term. Our Summer newsletter provides details of this term's curriculum activities. This term there will be lots of interesting and imaginative learning opportunities during our new topic work on The Victorians.



Homework Information

Homework should last approximately half an hour in total - if your child is struggling to finish, please sign their work to signify this or write a note in their reading record. Use an * to show where help is given against maths HW book questions.

Homework timetable:

Monday:	Grammar HW due in.
Tuesday:	Reading (which could include further comprehension work).
Wednesday:	Grammar and spellings (due in by Monday and test following Wednesday).
Thursday:	Maths HW books due in for marking. Reading
Friday:	Maths HW books sent home. Topic/ Science (ad hoc).

Pupils are expected to record their own reading in their reading diary, but will still need to read to an adult on a regular basis. It is imperative that spelling test books are returned to school each Wednesday. Times tables practice should be continued throughout the week.

Sports

Class 4/5 P.E will take place on Tuesday morning and Friday afternoon. We will be developing skills in a range of sports and activities.

A reminder that all children are expected to wear the correct sports/P.E kit in school. This consists of a plain white T-shirt (with no logos), red shorts and black pumps, (please check the size!). P.E kits should remain in school every day and will be sent home half termly. An outdoor sports kit (dark blue or black tracksuit, white T-shirt and trainers) may also be required for cooler days.

Children should also bring a carrier bag for wet trainers/clothes, which will then be sent home.

Topics

This term our Topic is The Victorians.

ENGLISH: We will be looking at poetry this term and creating our own 'free verse' looking at the use of assonance, alliteration, similes, metaphors and powerful language.

We will be linking literature set in the Victorian era and produce our own fictional writing supported by our class trip.

HISTORY: We will be finding out about The Victorian period and significant events that shaped history.

SCIENCE: We are learning about forces in action. We will be planning enquiries and understanding gravity, friction and air resistance.

MATHEMATICS: Work will include mental multiplication and division, percentages, scaling and correspondence problems. Using rounding and estimating as part of problem solving. We will look at polygons, angles and positional directions. Adding and subtracting decimals and equivalent fractions. Maths investigations will include time, money, measure and data.

GEOGRAPHY: Looking at key locations where significant events occurred during The Victorian Times. Develop mapping skills linked to positional directions.

ART/DT: Our art and design work will be linked to our topic focussing on using a range of materials. We will focus on the use of colour/tone, patterns and textures used by significant painters from The Victorian Period.

ICT: We will develop key skills in a range of subjects.

RE: Main teachings of the Christian, Hindu and Muslim religions, expressing belief in art and symbols. This will also incorporate key events on the Christian calendar.

PSHE: We will be looking at the importance of feeling safe at school in relation to the project "Send my friend to School". In addition, we spend time discussing worries of individuals or of the class and offer solutions or support.

FRENCH: We will be increasing our vocabulary using spoken and written French.

MUSIC: We will continue learning the flute and reading music with our specialist teacher, Miss Caudell. In addition, we will also be learning songs for our class assembly and end of year production.

Diary dates

22nd May - Nurse visit for the year group discussions.

24th May - Class assembly.

25th May - Teacher Day (no school for pupils)

7th June - KS2 Trip to the Black Country Museum.

29th June - Sports day.

11th July - KS2 production (afternoon performance).

12th July - KS2 production (evening performance).

We are looking forward to a fun packed term with lots of hard work and high expectations. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there are any issues that may arise or you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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