



## Year 5 Newsletter Term 2

### Curriculum

This term, our key question is:

#### What was it like then?

We will be learning about the Victorian era and our aim is for the children to be able to build their knowledge of the similarities and differences within Victorian Britain. They will devise and explore historical questions about how life differed for the rich and poor; for men, women and children. Children will experience life as a Victorian through role-play sessions where they will learn about the Victorian schoolroom.

Our class text is 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty and this is a story of a young boy in Victorian times. Our focus this term will be finding synonyms and antonyms for selected vocabulary and using PEE (Point Evidence Explain) to answer comprehension questions.

In Science, our topic will be materials and we will be comparing and grouping common materials, and discussing differences between materials used in Victorian times to life nowadays. We will also be developing our investigative skills through filtering, evaporating and dissolving experiments.

In Art lessons we'll be learning about typography and creating maps, in Computing we'll be using video editing software and in PSHE our sessions will focus on keeping safe which includes managing risks and safety online. Spanish this term focusses on saying/spelling days and months of the year and numbers, linking this to dates and birthdays.

### Key dates for your diary

6th November – First day of Term 2

**14<sup>th</sup> November – Victorian dress-up day**

**16th November – Y5 Parent Sharing in the Hall 2.45pm**

20th November – Book Fair

21st November – Parent consultations

22nd November – Parent consultations

**6<sup>th</sup> December – Y5 Kent Life Trip**

14th December – Winter Woolly Day

14th December – Christmas Lunch and Disco

18th December – Carols by Candlelight

19th December – Panto

20th December – Last day of term

### P.E./Games

**SCHOOL PE KITS** should be worn into school on the days that we have PE. Earrings must be removed for all P.E, swimming and games lessons. Please remember water.

P.E. days for Year 5 are:

Indoor PE - **Tuesdays DANCE**

Outdoor PE - **Thursdays BASKETBALL**

### Home Learning

#### Spellings

Spelling sessions are taught weekly. Spellings will be given out every other week, please practice writing these on the sheet and return them.

#### Maths

Personalised Maths challenges will be set weekly on **Sumdog**. We are starting with multiplication this term. Please continue to practise your times tables on **Times Table Rock Stars**. Certificates will be awarded when a new rock status is achieved.

#### Reading

Please read daily and record this in your **Reading Record**. Children receive house points for reading at home with an adult. Well done to those who have started the 40 read challenge 😊

#### Tea Time Talks

Questions will be sent home weekly for you to discuss together. They will be based on the week's learning.

If you have any interesting information, artefacts, stories or knowledge about the Victorian era that you would be happy to share with us this term, please do let us know.