

Year 5/6 Curriculum Letter -Autumn 2 2022

Nearly advent!

We hope that you had a good half term break and are looking forward to the second half of the term. This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,
The Year 5/6 team

Class teachers:	Aurora (Y6) - Josh Crewe	Sky (Y5/6)- Rachel Laurie	Neptune(Y5) - Rob Layton
Classroom support:	Elaine Walter	Joanne Gallagher	Jackie Morton

Topic

For the beginning of the year, our topic is **The Victorians**. We will look at Queen Victoria, the social conditions of the era and how people worked to change these and key individuals who affected these changes.

English

In English this term, we will be reading and writing about the book *Street Child*. This book is written by Berlie Doherty and is a historical fictional account of conditions of disadvantaged children in Victorian times. We will be focusing on grammatical and punctuation skills such as: fronted adverbials, adverbial phrases, relative clauses, semi colons, colons, using a range of sentence types and structures and ways to add detail to sentences. Over the course of the half term we aim to write a number of texts including, diary entries, letters and recounts.



Maths

Our focus of the half term will be on fractions and measurement. This will include work on simplifying, comparing and finding equivalence, as well as adding and subtracting some fraction types. We will continue to use Times Tables Rockstars to support the children with their multiplication facts and associated facts. Homework will also include work set using Mathletics. Please continue to support your child at home by helping them to practice their mathematical facts and times tables!

Science

Our first topic is **Light**, we will be learning about how light travels, how it means we can see and what causes shadows. We will plan fair tests, make predictions and evaluate results during scientific enquiry.

Music

There will be numerous opportunities for music making in year 5 and 6. Singing practice will culminate in a Christmas themed concert and in Neptune class two musical themed trips are imminent to the Royal Albert Hall and for some singing in the community.

Art/DT

In our art lessons we will be exploring a range of different sketching and painting techniques within our Victorian topic theme. We will begin with a brief look at the work and designs of William Morris.

PE

Please make sure PE kits are worn on these days. Our PE focus will be Gymnastics (please see below for specific days).

Spanish

Each week, Spanish sessions will help us to develop our language skills further and become increasingly conversational.

RE

This half term we will be looking at how and why different religions and world views create and enjoy celebrations.

Rough daily timetable:

9:00-9:30 Reading
9:30-10:40 English
BREAK
11:05-12:15 Maths
12:15-12:30 Assembly
LUNCH
1:30-2:30
Topic/Science/Computing/PE/Art/PSHE
2:30-3:20
Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE

PE days:

Neptune - Monday and Thursday
Sky - Monday and Wednesday
Aurora - Tuesday and Friday

Diary dates:

Into Uni - Sky (7th-10th Nov) Aurora (21st - 25th Nov)
Neptune Royal Albert Hall trip - 9th Nov