

# Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter 2018

We hope that you have had an enjoyable break and that the children are ready for a busy and exciting new school year. Our Topic during the Autumn term is 'The Victorian Era'. The children will develop an understanding of what it means to be an historian, as well as an ordinary child living during the 19<sup>th</sup> century. There are many exciting activities planned for this Topic, including the chance to dress up and go back in time to a typical Victorian School day - all in their very own classroom! In Music we will be exploring different aspects of Victorian Music such as songs from the Music Halls and composers of the period. In Art, we will discover more about the work of William Morris and create our own designs in this style. We will create our own Victorian menu, working to a budget and have the opportunity to cook and taste our dishes.



Our Science topic this term is 'Materials'; children will learn about the properties of and changes to different materials. During computing this term, we will learn to create and manipulate 3D models using 'SketchUp'; it is free to download and use and will run on most home computers and laptops too - so pupils can explore and enjoy at home!

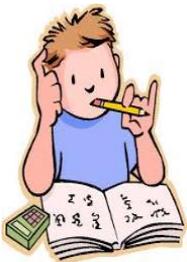
In RE, the children will learn about the religions of Hinduism and Islam. They will have the opportunity to explore beliefs, and how these are reflected in the way the people live. For PSHE, the topic for this term is 'A Healthy Life'. The children will learn about physical, mental and emotional health, and how to keep themselves safe. This then leads into looking at the need for rules and the nature and consequences of anti-social behaviour. There will also be a unit of work around keeping safe in the community, including e-safety. We would encourage you to play this nationally recommended fun game with your child at home - [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8\\_10/](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/)

During the Autumn Term, pupils will have a Gymnastics session each week on a Tuesday afternoon, and a Games session on a Friday afternoon. The latter will take place outdoors, so children need to have appropriate indoor **and outdoor** kit with them each week. As usual, this should be brought in on Monday and stay in school until Friday (when it can be taken home for a wash!). We do not have much spare kit, so it is vital that children bring their own each week. Please ensure all kit is named.



Children will be bringing home a separate letter about homework in Y5.

Thank you for your continued support; if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.



*Mrs Murray and Mr Smith*