

# Year 6 Autumn Term Newsletter 2018

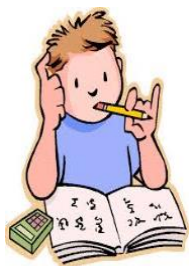
We hope that you have had an enjoyable break and that the children are ready for a busy and exciting new school year. Our Topic during the Autumn term is 'The Victorian Era'. The children will develop an understanding of what it means to be an historian, as well as an ordinary child living during the 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 first Science topic this term is 'Light'; children will learn how light enters the eye in order for objects to be seen, and conduct a series of practical investigations about light and shadows. In our second unit, 'Human Circulation', pupils will learn to identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system and how their bodies function. During computing this term, we will develop our understanding of the Excel programme by inputting data, creating graphs and using formulae.

In RE, the children will be exploring the concept of 'God' and whether you need to believe in a God to lead a good life. For PSHE, the children will learn to identify and challenge stereotypes, which may otherwise lead to discrimination. There will also be a unit of work around keeping safe in the community, including e-safety.

During the Autumn Term, pupils will have a Gymnastics session each week on a Tuesday afternoon, and a Games session on a Friday morning during PPA. 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.



As the Key Stage 2 statutory tests (SATs) take place at the end of Key Stage 2, the Year 6s will be working hard to achieve their best in these very important assessments. During the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May, the children will be tested in Reading, Maths and Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation (known as SPaG). We will set homework each week for spelling and Maths. It continues to be very important to read with your child - or at least ensure they read to themselves - at least three times per week. In addition, there will be a termly project and some Science homework; details for this will be sent home and published on Parent Hub.

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

The Year 6 Team