

Year 5 Autumn News

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Welcome to Year 5

Mrs Staward, Mrs Cole and Miss Thickpenny.

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer break. We are already settling in, working hard and looking forward to a busy and enjoyable term ahead.

We are hoping to organise a visit to enhance our Victorian topic ... so please look out for any old flat caps and aprons ☺ During the term we will also have 'Victorian School Day'- the children are already beginning to find out how hard life was as a child in Victorian times ☺ We will share our learning in our class assembly on Friday the 17th November.

Our homework routine will remain as it was in Year 4: 15-30 minutes daily reading; up to 30 minutes maths activity (usually set on MyMaths on a Thursday) and learning spellings from the attached Year 5/6 spelling lists.

If you have any questions about Year 5 learning, please do not hesitate to contact me. Our autumn Parent evenings will take place on the 16th and 17th October.

*** You will be receiving today an envelope containing the contact details which are held on file for your child. Please ensure that you check this through carefully and amend any incorrect details, then sign and return the form to the office on Monday next week.

The envelope also contains an Acceptable Use Policy for you to read through and discuss with your child, which needs to please be signed and returned.

Thank you in advance. ☺



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How to help

- Support your child with daily reading at home (at least 15 minutes)
- Support your child by helping them practise their times tables (up to 12 x 12) regularly so they can confidently recall both multiplication and division facts.
- Useful websites to support learning:
<http://resources.woodlandsjunior.kent.sch.uk>
<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/>
- E-safety: Parents and carers play a key role in supporting children to learn about how to stay safe online.
 - Check out - <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

Children will have the opportunity to visit the library to change their books once a week: one book will stay in school and one can be taken home. The children will complete their reading record (which will now stay in school) during guided reading time.

	What to take to school	What to bring home
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Homework Book	
Thursday	Outdoor PE kit	Outdoor PE kit/ Homework Book
Friday	Indoor PE kit	Indoor PE kit

In order to be able to participate safely and effectively in PE lessons, children will need appropriate clothing and footwear (a change of footwear is an essential part of their outdoor kit), have long hair tied back and earrings removed. Girls wearing tights in cold weather need to remember to bring socks to change into.

For Your Calendar:

September 29th
Harvest Festival in Church

October 16th
Parent Consultations
4pm – 7pm

October 17th
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4pm – 7pm

What we are learning this term:

The Victorians

English

To link with our Victorian topic, we will be reading *Streetchild*. This will give us the opportunity to write in a variety of narrative and non-narrative text types. After half term we will be reading and writing our own versions of traditional tales. The Highwayman will then be the focus of our classic narrative poetry unit.

Maths

We will begin by reading, writing, ordering and comparing numbers to at least 1000000, recognising Roman numerals and rounding before going on to adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing using both mental and formal written methods. We will apply this learning by solving multi-step problems in contexts, deciding which operations and methods to use and why.

History / Geography

We will be finding out about Queen Victoria and her family as well as the impact of many major inventions on the life of her subjects. We will also find out about workhouses, child labour and the Victorian schoolroom as well as appreciating that significant events in history has helped shape the country we have today.

Music and French

Our focus for music this term will be on exploring performances and developing listening skills. Mrs Barber will teach French lessons each Thursday focusing on : The French High Street; Time and Conversation; Questions and Answers; Days of the Week and Times of the Day.

Art / Design Technology

We will start by drawing and painting our own self-portraits. We will also use the work of William Morris to design some of our own patterns. Later in the term we will be cross stitch our own 'samplers' which will be turned into Christmas cards. We will use clay to mould Christmas decorations.

Computing and PE

Planning our own simple computer game and creating a working prototype will be our first computing topic. We will also be doing some work on e-safety. In PE we will be doing athletics and playing Tag Rugby on Thursdays with Mr Stevens and gymnastics/dance on a Friday

Science

We will start the term by investigating *Properties and Changes of Materials* which will include fair testing for particular uses of everyday object; reversible and irreversible changes and using our knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated; before moving onto *Forces* after half term.

RE and PSHCE

R.E this term will focus on Incarnation: we will identify Gospel and prophecy texts, using technical terms and how Christians put their beliefs about Jesus' Incarnation into practice in different ways in celebrating Christmas. Our PSHCE is 'Beginning and Belonging' where we will look at relationships, supporting each other and dealing with emotions.

For Your Calendar:

October 20th

PD day before half term

November 17th

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Sharing Assembly

December 19th

Last day of autumn term