

Year 5 and 6 Curriculum Letter

Summer 1: 2021

I hope the following information will be helpful and provide you with an overview of the curriculum in our class this half-term.

In **English** lessons this half-term, the children will be reading an adaptation of the famous novel by Charles Dickens: Oliver Twist. This will link to our topic work – The Victorians. The children will learn about the different characters in Dickens much-loved fictional text and what life was like for children in the Victorian period. In addition, the children will develop their writing skills based on this book, looking at plot, character, and setting, developing a variety of sentence types and improving their vocabulary and punctuation. Our non-fiction writing this half term is based on balanced arguments.



In **French** lessons the children will be consolidating all prior knowledge: this will include individual vocabulary as well as reading, writing and speaking simple sentences. The children will learn French vocabulary for hobbies clothes



In **Maths** this half term, the children will be learning how to read co-ordinates on a one and four quadrant grid and how to interpret and draw and translate shapes on the grid. They will also be developing their learning of how to interpret line graphs as well as draw and plot data using line graphs.

Each day the children will continue to practise and consolidate previous learning including revision of strategies for calculation (both mental and written), work on fractions, decimals and percentages, knowledge of area and perimeter, angles, and the names of parts of circles (Y6). Post SATs week, the Y6 children will be developing their maths investigation skills by following lines of mathematical enquiry.

PE this half term will be gymnastics and rounders. The children will be developing their gymnastics skills using our new resource REAL gym. They will also be developing throwing, catching and hitting skills as well as learning and developing their knowledge of the game.

Our **Topic** this half term is **history-based**. We will be learning about the Victorian period and the key events of this period in history, including: Queen Victoria and her family; the Industrial Revolution, Workhouses, Schools, Children's toys and jobs, and Victorian discoveries and inventions.



The **Science** topic this half term will continue the children's learning on: Properties and Changes of Materials.

We will be undertaking scientific experiments involving dissolving substances; reversible and irreversible changes and separating mixtures.

The children will continue to develop their skills in writing up experiments focusing particularly on analysing results and then writing up conclusions.

Art: this term the children will be looking at the work of L.S.Lowry: a famous English painter who was born in 1887 during the Victorian Age. His paintings were mostly of industrial landscapes, situated in the North of England.

In **RE** this term the children will be completing work to answer the Key Question: What Matters Most to Christians and to Humanists? We will explore the codes for living for religious and non-religious beliefs.

HOMEWORK

This term we would like Year 5 and 6 to continue to read at home, at least 3 times per week, in line with our new reading initiative. We would then ask you (as the parent or carer) to record in the homework diaries that they have read. These will then be checked, in school, on Mondays.

Homework will be set and put on Google Classroom on a Friday. It needs to be completed by Wednesday of the following week.