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Friday 4th January 2019

A warm welcome to the Spring Term in Year 6

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We hope you have all had an enjoyable and restful Christmas break and that your child is now refreshed and ready for the term ahead. It is a very exciting term and there's so much for the children to look forward to.

This term we will be learning about the Victorians and we have planned many engaging learning opportunities around this theme. So that you are able to support your child in their learning, please see our topic outline accompanying this letter. We will, wherever possible, make cross-curricular links to make the learning more meaningful to the children. All teachers will be available on Thursday 10th January in the hall to answer any questions you may have about the term ahead. This session will start at 3.20pm and will end at 4.10pm. Please be mindful that you will need to supervise your children during this time.

Topic Books

Once the children have decorated the front covers of their new Topic Books, we will be sending them home to be covered with sticky backed plastic. We would be extremely grateful if you could supply this and cover your child's book, in order to protect their work. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are unable to do this.

Homework Diaries

A gentle reminder that your child should read for at least 10-15 minutes every night. Please ensure that this is recorded in their homework diary. Please could you check your child's homework diary on a weekly basis and sign to indicate that you have looked at it. Please also remind your child that they need their homework diary in school every day.

Homework

English: This will continue to be handed out on a Monday and should be returned by Wednesday. On Tuesday, Spelling lists will also be given out. The children should glue these into their homework diaries. We expect children to practise their spellings at home regularly. If your child does not understand the meaning of a word, please encourage them to look it up in a dictionary and to practise using the word in a sentence.

Maths: This will be handed out on a Wednesday, and should be returned by Friday. Every other week, Maths homework will be set on Mathletics, an online resource. We would also greatly appreciate your help in assisting your child to learn their times tables - there are many ways to make learning these fun, for example, songs, computer games, and flashcards.

Topic: We have been so impressed with the standard of homework produced in the Autumn term, so thank you for all the support, time and effort put into the projects. We are very excited to see what will be produced this term! In order to promote more responsibility for their own learning, the children will be given an exciting Victorian project to complete over the course of the term. All details and instructions will be included when they receive their task



sheet and the different activities will be explained clearly to them at school. A copy will also be put under the Year 6 page on our school website.

PE Kits and Stationery

Your children will need P.E kits in school on the following days:

- **6F:** Every Monday and Friday
- **6H:** Every Tuesday and Wednesday
- **6LW:** Every Tuesday and Friday

It would be extremely beneficial if these could be fully labelled so that any lost property can be quickly returned to its owner. This would also be useful in regards to stationery that the children bring to class in their pencil cases. We will provide your child with a handwriting pen, once they have achieved their pen licence. We kindly ask that children's pencil cases have the following items:

- Glue Stick
- Colouring Pencils
- HB Pencils
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Sharpener
- Calculator
- Dictionary and Thesaurus

Reading

Should you wish to read some Victorian themed books with your child, below is a recommended book list for our topic:

Fiction:

Oliver Twist - Charles Dickens
Workhouse: A Victorian Girl's Diary 1871 - Pamela Oldfield
Mill Girl: A Victorian Girl's diary 1842-1843 - Sue Reid
Dodger - Terry Pratchett
Hetty Feather - Jacqueline Wilson
The Time-Travelling Cat and the Great Victorian Stink - Julia Jarman
A Stitch in Time - Penelope Lively
The Adventures of the New Cut Gang - Philip Pullman

Non-Fiction:

You Wouldn't Want to Be a Victorian Schoolchild - John Malam
The Vile Victorians (Horrible Histories)/Villainous Victorians (Horrible Histories) - Terry Deary
100 Facts on Victorian Britain - Steve Parker
The Gruesome Truth about: The Victorians - Matt Buckingham
Victorian Schools - Mandy Ross
Victorians (Children in History) - Kate Jackson Bedford
The Victorians - Ruth Brocklehurst
Avoid Being a Victorian Servant (Danger Zone) - Fiona Macdonald
Victorian Education - Victoria Hepplewhite

In English, we will be reading 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty and it would be very helpful if you could please buy a copy of the book for your child to use in class.



Key Dates

During the course of the term, there are some important key dates which link to our new topic:

- Curriculum Drop In (Hall): Thursday 10th January
- 6H Class Assembly: Friday 1st February
- Winston Play at Rhoda McGaw Wednesday 6th February
- Stone Farm Residential: Tuesday 12th – Friday 15th March
- Year Six Victorian Dress up Day: Wednesday 3rd April
- Junior Citizenship Day: TBC

If you have any queries throughout the school year, a member of the Year 6 Team will be on the school gates on a Monday after school. You can also send messages to us via your child's homework diary or by personal letter. Should you have any concerns, however, which would require a more lengthy discussion, then please do not hesitate to book an appointment through the office to see your child's class teacher.

We are all very much looking forward to a full and fruitful term and we thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Fini
(Year Leader)

Mrs Harmston

Miss Wilson

