

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

We are so pleased to see the children back and enthusiastic to learn following their Half term ! If you have any questions, as always, please come and speak to us.

## Autumn 1 in Year 5

### Our topic is: The Victorians

English	Maths	Science	History	Spanish
This half term, we will be exploring extracts from Oliver Twist to inspire their writing based in Victorian times. They will be writing a newspaper report to inform the nation of the standards of workhouses, writing a diary entry of a Victorian school child and will be writing some Victorian/christmas poetry.	The first two weeks of term we will be exploring money to find the most efficient and reliable strategies to find change when purchasing several items. We will then be investigating negative numbers in a range of contexts and how these relate to everyday life.	Children will learn that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of gravity. They will identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction and recognise that some mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect. They will also make and calibrate their own force metre.	The children will learn why the industrial revolution was so important to progress in the UK during Victorian times. Looking at the impact the industrial revolution had on everyday lives (different classes), railways, inventions and Victorian Schools.	In Spanish, we will be continuing to describe where we live, towns and cities, using adjectives and nouns. We will also be asking for directions and answering, using ordinal numbers.
PE	DT	Music	Computing	PSHE
The children will be taking part in Victorian creative learning this half term. This includes looking at different movement sequences, exploring a range of dynamic movements and movements in unison.	As Christmas approaches, we will be learning about the principles of a varied diet. We will be exploring seasonality, which will inform our festive spiced creations!			Continuing with our healthy lifestyles theme, we will be exploring both mental and physical health and the benefits of a balanced diet. We will also be discussing how images in the media can distort reality.

# How can I help my child at home?

## Websites

There are lots of fun games to help with our learning on the internet, that can be accessed on a tablet or home computer.

### **Useful websites:**

BugClub

TT Rock Stars

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize)

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)

## **Homework, home-reading and PE.**

A homework grid will be sent out at the beginning of half term. Each week your child can choose an activity from this grid and complete it.

Homework books are to be handed in every **Monday**.

Year 5 have PE on a **Monday** and **Wednesday**. Your child needs to bring their PE kit into school on these days.

## **Home Help!**

### **Reading and Book Talk:**

Reading is an important part of learning and developing children's vocabulary and language skills, therefore we encourage you to read with your child at home. It provides a great opportunity for you and your child to talk, and share ideas and thoughts about what they have read.

We want children to be happy and enthusiastic readers, and hope that children are able to read a variety of genres to broaden their reading experiences. Please don't forget, whenever you read at home your child should fill in a section of their Reading Booklet. As well as home-school reading books, anything that children read can count towards entries on the card. We would love to see the amount of booklets we receive increase this term.

### **Home Reading Books**

During Autumn 1, we will be continuing to set homeschool reading books online at [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk). Student logins will be provided in the front of Homework Books.