

# YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER

## The Victorians and 'Sewn Together'

Driving questions: How could we prove that Queen Victoria's reign had a positive impact on the nation? How can we design, market and create appealing Christmas decorations?

### The Victorians

We are excited to start the term looking at the Victorian era with our trip to the Black Country Museum. The children will find out about Queen Victoria, the impact of the Industrial Revolution on the lives of people living at that time. We are looking forward to finding out about the impact that the Victorians have had on our lives today including: transport; factories and work; schooling; and the life of a child. Find out more about the Victorians at: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/ks2-the-victorians/z48bnrd>

### Literacy

Our writing focus this term will be metaphor poetry. Metaphors are a fantastic way of using language to convey an image. The children will innovate the text to create their own metaphor poem. Towards Christmas, we will enjoy the picture book *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg and will complete a range of reading and writing activities based on this book.

To support your child's reading and language, please support them to complete daily use of Lexia – it is a great way to develop vocabulary, language and comprehension: <http://lexiacore5.com/>

### Maths

This term we will be continuing to develop the important number skills required to efficiently solve problems in a range of other maths concepts. We will focus on multiplication and division at the start of the term, moving on to fractions later in the term. Times tables and mental arithmetic strategies will also be a clear focus.

**At home:** Please continue to practise times tables using the Times Table Rock Stars website and the Pixl app. <https://ttrockstars.com/>  
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>  
<https://www.timestables.co.uk/games/>

### Physical Education

Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school every day that includes joggers/sweatshirt now that it is colder. For your child's safety, earrings must be removed before any PE lesson and hair must be tied up. The children continue to swim each Wednesday and will enjoy weekly netball sessions and learn skills and tactics for attacking, defending and ball control. We will also be improving our teamwork and skills in our football sessions. Please ensure that your child has their full kit each week including hat.

### Science

The children will look at forces linked to the transport of the Victorians. This will include friction, thrust and gravity. They will conduct some simple and exciting experiments.

### Art and design

This term will have a big focus on skills for sewing. The children will be making their own Christmas decorations considering the fabric, style and weight as well as ways of pinning and stitching the items together. Maybe they could have a go at sewing on a button at home to get some practise?

### Additional useful websites:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/multiplication-and-division>  
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

## **REMINDERS AND DATES**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Start of Term 2

Week Beginning 6<sup>th</sup> November – Parents Evening

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – INSET day, school closed to pupils

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Trip to the Black Country Living Museum

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day of Term 2

This term, we will be focusing on metaphor poetry and learning:

### **Taking one idea for a walk**

Glass eyes glare  
in the morning sun  
across city lawns,  
watching traffic swirl  
on the High Street,  
and neat flower beds  
where tulips bloom  
and old folks sit,  
feeding pigeons.

Glass eyes stare  
at shop windows,  
at cats meowing  
a peek into dustbins,  
at dogs fast asleep  
in back yards,  
at the distant hills  
and clouds flowering  
the so blue sky.

Glass eyes gaze  
at the weary maze  
of the city at dusk;  
peering down  
at the blossom  
of streetlights.

Glass eyes  
shut tight,  
as night  
steals day  
light.