

Year Six Newsletter Autumn 1, September 2018

Consider
yourself at
home!



Welcome to Year Six!

We're so excited! This half term promises to be full of exciting learning opportunities for our Year 6 children. Our topic is '*The Victorians; Vile or Virtuous?*' We will be exploring the inventions and achievements of great Victorians and life as a Dickensian street urchin. We are looking forward to visiting the Thackray Medical Museum. The children will be learning about how the dramatic changes and industrial progress during the Victorian era has shaped our lives today. We will also be studying the lives of Queen Victoria, and Charles Dickens, debating whether the Victorian era could be described as '*Vile or Virtuous?*'

Watch this space! We will be exploring ways to raise money for the children's charity Barnardo's following some research as to the charity's origins.

We look forward to meeting you at our forthcoming events. In the meantime, we hope that the attached timetable, spelling list and website list are useful. Please call and see us with any queries or suggestions and check our page on the school website.

No time to lose, all aboard...



Mathematics

For this half-term we will be mastering place value, using large numbers and decimals, progressing to perfecting the four operations (+, -, x, ÷), both mental and written. We will also be working on speed and fluency in arithmetic and problem solving with calculation.

Important Dates

Monday 24th September - Induction Evening
Tuesday 25th September – European Day of Languages
Wednesday 26th September – Leeds City Varieties
Friday 28th September - Individual
Tuesday 2nd October – Victorian School Day
Monday 8th October – Saltaire Experience Tour
Wed 10th/Thurs 11th October – Parent Consultations
Wednesday 14th November – Thackray Medical Museum visit

English

We kick off our literary journey with an in-depth study of *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty, the unforgettable tale of an orphan in Victorian London, based on the boy whose plight inspired Dr Barnardo to found his famous children's homes. When his mother dies, Jim Jarvis is left all alone in London. He is sent to the workhouse but quickly escapes, choosing a hard life on the streets of the city over the confines of the workhouse walls.

We will then explore the power of language with the poetry of Ted Hughes and focus on our understanding of word class and sentence structures with effect for the reader.

Finally, we'll explore the thrills and spills of Alice in Wonderland, writing exciting descriptive narrative as Alice experiences the madness of the Mad Hatter's Tea Party.



Homework

Homework is set every Monday for the following Monday. Please contact us with any queries.

PE Kit and water bottles

Our PE days will be on Wednesday and Fridays. Children must wear school colour PE kits on these days.

We have provided each child with a water bottle for use in class. However, if your child would rather bring their own to use, they are more than welcome.



Science

This year we will be studying *Light, Living things and their habitats, Animals and Humans, Evolution and inheritance*, beginning this half term with *Electricity*.

The children will take part in a 'Dragon's Den' challenge where they will work in groups to design a working set of festive lights. They will complete a series of electrical challenges, where they will need to demonstrate that they understand how electric circuits work and that they can respond to enquiry questions in an effective and scientific manner.

PE



We will be working with the children to develop their control and balance skills in competitive games of rugby and football. For indoor P.E. we will be practising, improving and performing dance routines to the musical *Oliver!*

Time to Talk...

Our shared class discussions will include relationships, anti-bullying and staying safe online. These are all linked with our curriculum subjects.

Art/DT

We will be studying the art of Alice in Wonderland. This will feature still ink drawings based on the work of Henri Matisse. Then we will turn these into 3D models in the fashion of the Mad Hatter's Tea Party. We will also design costumes and cake decorations.



Computing



The children will be learning how to stay safe online and explore privacy rules. We will begin to use programming to design a game. In addition, we will use digital art to create images of the Victorian architecture of Saltire.



ClassDojo

Our Year Six Team:

Mr Evans (6E) – Later Phase Leader of Learning

Miss Walton (6W) – Class Teacher

Madame Thakker – French Teacher

Support Team – Miss Hodgson, Mrs Baxter, Miss Tariq and Miss Brett.

Keep up to date by connecting with us on Class Dojo. You should have received instructions for this in the Induction Pack in July but let us know if you still need to connect.

With our best regards, The Year Six Team.

- OUR LEARNING JOURNEY -

