

# Year 5 & 6 Newsletter

## WELCOME BACK - It is Revolution time!

Discover a time when great minds thought new thoughts and ingenious inventors created so many things that we take for granted today: the electric light bulb, the telephone and the first flushing toilet. Let's forge ahead to research a time when Victoria was Queen and Albert was Prince Consort, and when some people lived in slums while others prospered. Take on the role of an important reformer and present your good causes to the Queen. Can you gain the support of a wealthy sponsor? Full steam ahead to the Victorian age.

### P.E Kits:

All 3 classes have PE on **WEDNESDAY** with a sports coach.

In addition to that:

**Avocet** have PE on a **Monday**.

**Mallard** have PE on a **Monday**.

**Curlew** have **SWIMMING** on a **Monday**.

Please make sure your child has the correct coloured t-shirt to represent their House Team and appropriate shorts/jogging bottoms and footwear.

### Drinks in school:

Children need to bring their own drink bottle to school. We ask that it contains water, as this is the healthiest option and easiest to clean if there are spillages and breakages. Water bottles will be kept in lockers and children will have regular access to them as and when required.

### Snacks

If your child would like to bring in a snack for breaktime they can. Please ensure their snack is a healthy one.

## Year 5 and 6 Big Pit Day!

We are very excited to announce that we will be visiting "The Big Pit" on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November**. The trip is designed to give the children a taste of working life for Victorians and their children. A tour of the mine will be fascinating as we discover information about the Victorian Industrial Revolution!

### Spikey's Takeaway Menu (Homework):

Every two weeks, you will receive homework across a variety of subjects on **SEESAW**. Please encourage your child to complete as much as they can as this will go a long way to supporting your child's learning in class. We would love to see all of the work you complete at home so please upload all that you can!

We have access to Reading Planet <https://my.risingstars-uk.com> which will have a variety of reading books aimed at your child's reading level. Reading for just 10 minutes per day can have a huge impact on fluency and understanding.

Please continue to use Times Table Rockstars <https://trockstars.com>. By Year 5 & 6, children should be confidently recalling all times tables up to 12 including the division facts.

Any questions/problems with the homework or learning platforms, please do ask - via ask!

**Reading** for 10 minutes per day will really help your child in their learning, so they need to continue to read aloud to an adult at home, as well as reading independently and answering questions about the texts they have read.

It is also very important to continue to practice their **times tables** as well. The children still have access to Times Table Rockstar's and there are many online games on [www.topmarks.com](http://www.topmarks.com).

### Amazon Virtual Workshop

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022, we will be taking part in a virtual tour of an Amazon Warehouse.

This will link to our computing and maths curriculum focusing on: Identifying sequences and developing critical thinking through algorithms, coding and databases.

## ENGLISH

Biographies, Limericks, Diaries, historical fiction, Non-Chronological Report

## SCIENCE

Properties of materials  
Working scientifically

## MATHS

Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication,  
Division and Fractions

## PSHE

*Celebrating Difference*

## R.E

Christianity - Is the Christmas story true?

## HISTORY

Victorian timeline  
The slums  
Victorian childhood  
Jobs for children  
Rich and poor  
Games and toys  
Working conditions  
Crime and punishment

# Revolution



## ICT

Research skills and safe  
searching  
Podcasting

## P.E

Sports Coach: Football  
Movement and Dance  
Curlew: Swimming

## ART

Artist study of William Morris  
Design and create a printing block.  
Print onto fabric.

## GEOGRAPHY

Railway routes  
How the coal industry worked  
(supported by our trip)  
Sketch maps  
Compass points and grid  
references