



Autumn 1

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Ragged School trip
- 5C - 25th September
- 5S - 27th September
- 5E - 28th September
- Museum Night -
Thursday 18th October (3.45-6.30)

NEW TOPIC: 'Vile Victorians'

In topic this term, we will be learning about Queen Victoria herself as well as life in Victorian London, the British Empire and the social and technological changes of the era.

On the day of the Museum Night, Fairlawn Year 5 will be transported back to 1880 and the children will be invited to come dressed as Victorian schoolchildren (from any strata of society) for an authentic Victorian day.

MATHS

In Year 5, we will begin developing on our knowledge of place value, exploring negative numbers; rounding, ordering and comparing numbers up to a million. Following on from this, we will refine efficient written and mental methods for addition and subtraction. Before half term, we will learn about statistics, with the children constructing line graphs and interpreting data. Children will be challenged in all areas as they develop their fluency, reasoning and problem solving skills.

You can find our updated calculation policy and

LITERACY

This term we will be using 'Gaslight' to explore storytelling linked to our topic on the Victorians. We will be focusing on writing compelling fiction as well as technical aspects of writing such as paragraphing and varied sentence types.

SPELLING

This year, after trialling a new approach, we are moving towards a new model of teaching spelling. Each student will be given a spelling book, which should be kept in their book bag. Each week, there will be a new spelling focus, and children will be given spelling patterns, exceptions, irregular spellings and cross-curricular vocabulary to practise.

Spellings will now be set two weeks prior to being tested, so that students can practise in class for the first week, then consolidate at home for the second week.

READING

This year, we will continue to follow the whole class model of teaching reading. We would, as always, encourage you to read with your child on a regular basis.

SCIENCE

This term the children will be learning about the varied life cycles of different organisms.

ORACY

This year we will be continuing with our successful Oracy, where children will be given more opportunities for public speaking and a chance to share writing they are passionate about.

THE YEAR 5 TEAM

You can follow us on twitter, where we will posting weekly news from class:

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