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Year 6 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is an overview of what will be happening in Year 6 this term.

Curriculum

Our half term topic is Revolution and the main focus for the topic will be History.

Memorable Experience: A visit to The Black Country Museum

English: Our class reader is *Street Child* by *Berlie Doherty*. We will be doing various comprehension exercises and children will be producing non-chronological reports, biographies and a newspaper report using a range of source materials.

Maths: We will be focusing on drawing 2-D shapes and reasoning about shapes and angles, long multiplication, multiplying decimals, mass, calculating fractions using all four operations, ratio and proportion and statistics.

Science: We will be learning about light: recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines, use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye, explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes and use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them

Topic: During this term, we'll use non-fiction books to research Victorian education and people, including famous inventors, reformers and Queen Victoria herself. We'll write on slates, learn the three 'Rs' and take part in sewing lessons, just like a child in a Victorian school. 'Drill' activities will have us following instructions to march, stretch and jump in formation. We'll learn about crime and punishment and find out what life was like in a Victorian slum. We'll discover what happened during the Industrial Revolution and learn about significant inventions. Copying the style of famous Victorian paintings, we'll experiment with block printing techniques.

P.E: Children will be playing basketball and visiting Hamstead Hall.

Homework: Homework will be set on a Friday and returned back on Wednesdays. Children will have one piece of English and Maths, and ten spellings to learn. Children need to learn their times tables if they are not secure in this area. They will also be given a list of mini projects to extend their learning at home and will present their projects just before the Easter holidays.

Reading: Children must read daily for at least ten minutes at home. Our class reader is *Street Child* a fictional account of the experiences of Jim Jarvis, a young orphan who escapes the workhouse in 1860's London and survives brutal treatment and desperate circumstances until he is taken in by Dr. Barnardo, founder of a school for the city's "ragged" children.

Kind regards,
Mr Skinner. Mrs Sumal, Mrs Whitehouse