

Bell Farm Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 2017



Year 5

Dear Parents/Carers,
The children have settled in well into their first term in Year 5. We have already embarked upon our exciting history topic - The Victorians - where we will be looking at daily life under the reign of this impressive monarch. To deepen the children's learning, our English work will be based around the text 'Street Child' - a tale about a Victorian boy's fight for survival in London, and our DT project will be inspired by Victorian moving toys. We hope to help the children build independence and stamina this year, but whilst it is important that they read independently for pleasure, please also ensure that they read out loud to you in order to allow for questioning and discussion.

Thank you for your support so far this year. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to speak to us.
Miss E Valenti & Miss V Smith

What we're learning this term:

English: Our stimuli include 'Street Child' and 'The Highwayman'. We will focus on introducing an extended range of punctuation, and extending sentences with other grammatical devices such as adverbials and conjunctions. Of course the children will continue to work on their cursive handwriting, spelling and composition of writing.

Maths: We will continue to develop our written algorithms, including long multiplication and short division, using them to solve a range of problems.

Science: Forces within the context of Victorian design and manufacture, as well as studying a Victorian scientist.

History: The Victorians - studying everything from daily life to schools and the dreaded workhouse.

RE: How is the Christian faith expressed through worship and reflecting, and why is light an important sign at Christmas?

Music: Surrey Get Vocal will join us for a weekly session of composition and performance.

Homework

Monday: Spelling task (due Thursday)

Thursday: Maths or English (due Tuesday)

Daily: Reading & mental maths practice

Spellings will be tested every Monday, and Race around the Track (mental maths) on Friday. Please see homework planners for communication about scores, etc.

Coming up soon!

- Parents evenings: 18th & 19th October
- Victorian School Room Trip: 14th November.
- Walton Festival of Light: Saturday 25th November.
- Year 5 Christmas production: 19th & 20th December.

You will receive letters about these events in due course.