

Class 6

The Bliss Charity School



Term 4



Dear families,

I hope you all had a lovely half term break and are ready for a very exciting term as we start our brand new topic ... The Victorians! Yes, once again, we step into the Year 6 Tardis and head back in time to the period of Queen Victoria's reign. Throughout this two-term topic, the children will learn all of the interesting ups and downs of the United Kingdom during this renowned Queen's 63 years of supremacy. Alongside this wonderful topic, we will also be focusing on preparation for the SATs so that every child is fully prepared and have the opportunity to achieve their best.

As ever, please keep supporting your child and listen to them read regularly.

Mr. Colton



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Using a 'Drama for Writing' approach in English, the Victorians will be explored through rich texts such as *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty, and a children's version of *Great Expectations* will be the Guided Reading text. In history, the children will be researching famous Victorians such as Lord Shaftesbury and investigating various historical sources such as The Poor Law and The Factory Act. The children will present their work in a variety of different genres and presentations. Topic-related art and DT will include designing and painting Victorian tiles and Faberge eggs.

Science: *Living things and their habitats*

The children will learn to describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics, including microorganisms, plants and animals. They will have opportunities to work scientifically, recognising and controlling variables where necessary. They will be taking measurements and repeated readings, recording data and results of increasing complexity, using scientific diagrams, labels and classification keys. They will also be looking at the work of Linnaeus – the father of classification – and investigating his classification system, which is still used today.

English and Maths

The children will continue to follow the *Read Write Inc.* spelling scheme, linked to the statutory spelling guidelines. English literacy and grammar will be taught through topic-linked 'Drama for Writing' activities, offering a wide range of writing opportunities based on rich topical texts, with Guided Reading also linked in to topic-based teaching.

Numeracy this term will focus on algebra, converting measurements, area and perimeter and ratio. There will be a large focus on daily arithmetic and developing reasoning skills across these areas. Please keep practising times tables at home, as these are the foundation of successful arithmetic and reasoning.

Other subjects...

PE this term will usually take place indoors on a Wednesday and outdoors on a Monday. This is subject to change on a week-by-week basis so please make sure that your child always has appropriate PE kit in school.

RE will continue on a Wednesday and computing will once again be on a Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Baker will be taking PSHE and music sessions on Friday afternoons.

Helping your child at home ...

Homework will always be **given out on a Friday**. Throughout the term, the children will be given some topic-based homework where they will be expected to produce a double-page project on the given topic.

We will always discuss ideas in class first and the children will be given suggestions for what should be included. These are a great opportunity for children to develop their writing techniques and targets and engage their metacognitive skills and attitudes – best efforts will always be rewarded.

Throughout the term, when they don't have specific topic homework, the children will also be given extra reading comprehension, My Maths or SPAG homework.

All homework is **due in by Friday** at the latest. Children should be encouraged to complete homework as independently as possible – we really want them to come and talk to us if they are having any difficulties so we can give them further support.

Children should be reading for at least 20 minutes every day – in addition to time given to reading in school – and be recording this in their reading record. Mrs. Baker will take in reading records every **Monday morning**.

Spellings will be tested every **Wednesday afternoon** – please encourage your child to practise!

Please continue to practise quick fire multiplication and division facts with your child as these play such a huge role in accessing more complex areas of Maths.

Class 6 information ...

- Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day
- Monday 7th March – Victorian Day at Holdenby House
- Thursday 24th March – Film Night