

## Year 6 Newsletter number 2 – Spring 2014

Welcome to the second of this year's newsletters. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about some of the things we will be covering in class over the coming weeks.

Our main topic this term is the Victorians. We will be finding out what life was like for both rich and poor Victorian children. We will also be taking a look at what Holt was like during the reign of Queen Victoria. A trip to the Gressenhall has been arranged to support this topic.

**How you can help:** take a look at these websites

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/homework/victorians.html>

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/victorian\\_britain/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/victorian_britain/)

We will also be doing some science-based topic work, covering changes in materials and forces.

In English, we are studying the poem The Highwayman. We will then be reading Street Child which is set in Victorian times, and a lot of different kinds of writing will come from this. We are also going to be working on grammar and spelling rules in preparation for the SATs tests in May.

**How you can help:** listen to your child reading, and question them about what they have read. There are some suggestions for questions to ask printed inside the cover of their weekly planner. There are some really good activities on the BBC Bitesize website which will help your child boost their skills.

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2)

In Maths, we will be looking at fractions, decimals and percentages and different aspects of data handling and measure.

**How you can help:** practise multiplication tables with your child. Ask them to show you the tables grid they have brought home and explain to you how to use it. Tables are so important and will help them with so many other areas of maths during the year. Take a look at this website for lots of fun, interactive games your child can play:

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/>

The MyMaths website is also always available for them to practise their maths.

Our class assembly will be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 9:10am. We do hope that you will be able to join us.

As always, homework is given out each Wednesday, to be returned by the following Monday. Homework will include daily reading of at least 15 minutes (this could be to themselves, to you or a mix of the two), practising a times table, a maths activity (including MyMaths) based on work covered in class during the week and an English activity. We are also continuing with the Nature diary this term. There may be lists of spellings to learn and topic-based research too. Homework club is still available to all children during Assembly time on Thursday and Friday each week, should your child wish to attend. Missed homework will be made up in your child's playtimes. I appreciate your support in helping your child to do their homework.

We are hoping to take the children on a week long residential trip to Derbyshire in the summer term and you are invited to come along to a meeting to find out more details next Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 3pm.

**Diary dates** – trip to St Andrew's Hall, Norwich for Britten Symphonia concert – 6<sup>th</sup> February, class assembly – 12<sup>th</sup> February, trip to Norwich Theatre Royal Horrible Histories show – 26<sup>th</sup> February, trip to Gressenhall for Victorians – 25<sup>th</sup> March.

If you have any concerns, please come in and talk to me.

Mrs Kurtz