



ANN EDWARDS CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a wonderful summer and are refreshed and ready for the new school year!

This term our topic is called 'Villainous Victorians'. Your children will learn all about the fascinating Victorian period, from the life and times of the iconic Queen Victoria, to the historic Industrial Revolution. With an emphasis on crime and punishment, within this period, we will be exploring and comparing the role of 'punishment' within Victorian society, as well as how it has changed within the school system. Not only this, but the children will also be donning their deer stalker hats, grabbing their magnifying glasses and demonstrating their powers of deduction in order to help solve a number of Victorian themed mysteries for the super sleuth himself, Mr. Sherlock Holmes! To help bring this fascinating topic to life, we will be going on a trip to Sevington Victorian school for an authentic, immersive experience day, which promises to be an event the children will never forget! Our science focus, this term, is electricity: we will learn about the different kinds of electricity; the way it has impacted the world and its many uses; we will build circuits as well as learn about the significant contribution of some famous scientists. Our cross-curricular Topic Web for the term is attached and details the wider curriculum.

Homework

- Spelling lists will be given out on Friday for a test the following Friday.
- Please listen to your child read regularly and ensure that reading books and record books are in school every day.
- 'Homework Bingo' is available on your ClassDojo page and there is a broad selection of creative, practical tasks and challenges to inspire your child/ren to engage with our topic. We would love for each child to have a go at some of the tasks, but there is no expectation for them to complete them all. Please upload pictures of their creations to ClassDojo for us to celebrate their efforts and achievements.
- Please help your child learn their multiplication tables as often as possible; our aim is that they can recite them out of order and with increasing speed as the year progresses.

P.E. P.E. will take place each **Monday** and **Wednesday**; we will be developing our skills, knowledge and understanding of gymnastics and football throughout the term. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is worn into school on these days and that their kit is both suitable and appropriate. Please remember children should not be wearing jewellery for PE. All children will be given the opportunity to swim throughout the year and lessons will be each Friday, beginning with half of year 4 (you will be notified via ParentMail when it is your child's turn to swim).

Library Our official days for changing library books are a **Monday** and **Friday**, however, with restrictions surrounding quarantining books lifted, we have lots of flexibility to change books as often as the children require. Books must be returned before a new one can be borrowed.

If any parents are interested in helping out in the classroom, especially during the afternoons, please get in touch. We would really value your help, especially to hear the children read. If you require any other information or need to discuss any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher and a suitable meeting time can be arranged.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Mobey, Mrs. Roseblade, Mrs. McLoughlin, Mrs. Seymour and Miss. Sheldon

