

Year 5 Newsletter

September 2021

Welcome to Year 5. We hope you all had a fantastic summer break and the children are well rested ready to start an exciting half-term of learning in Ash and Cherry classes! We have had a great start to the year and we are really pleased with the children's attitude towards their learning but also their enthusiasm for the new beginning.

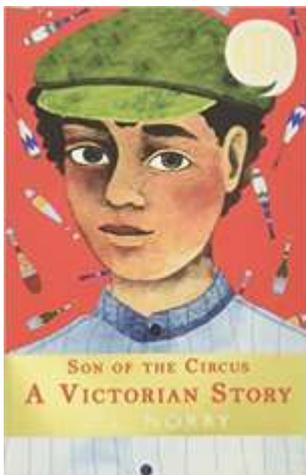
The children have started the year by learning about the amazing painter L.S Lowry! This is a short topic that concentrates on his life and how his paintings were influenced by his surrounding environment and experiences in Britain. This will lead on to children creating their own Lowry inspired masterpiece! Following on from this, Year 5 will move onto the Victorians topic which focuses on the difference between the poor and rich society. Children will be writing Victorian setting descriptions, diary extracts (pretending to be a child in a workhouse) and a job advert for a Victorian child worker. It is lovely to return to normality and it is great to see the year group being able to work together to enhance their learning!

The Victorians topic will continue until Christmas. We are pleased to announce, that as of now, the Year 5 Christmas performance this year will be going ahead! The children will be working with Mr O'Hare to practise and perform a Victorian production.

Victorian Experience Day

We will be having a fun Victorians day in school. The date is yet to be confirmed and will be sent in due course. The children will have the opportunity to experience life in a Victorian school, play with traditional games and complete Victorian crafts. *It would be lovely if your child could dress in Victorian styled clothing.*

Reading



In class, the children will be starting to read *Son of the Circus-A Victorian Story* by E L Norry. It explores the life of a young mixed-race boy, Ted, living with his mother and poorly older brother in Victorian Bradfield (South Yorkshire).

At the end of November, we will start to study Charles Dicken's *A Christmas Carol*. This is great for characterisation and developing a deeper understanding of using language and vocabulary for effect. Also the children love the ghosts and scary bits! 😊



Homework and Reading

Homework will be sent out on a Friday and will expect it to be returned the following Friday (if not before) each week.

As you will be aware, we have given out reading books. Please ensure your child reads at least 3 times a week and that you sign their reading diary. Children know to bring their book in each day to be checked and signed. We are continuing to monitor and reward children with stickers- towards buying a book from the shop.

Maths

At the start of this term, the children will be focusing on place value including ordering, comparing, rounding as well as counting forwards and backwards including negative numbers. We will also revisit Roman Numerals – a popular topic with the children! Children will also work on their problem-solving skills to deepen their understanding on these topics!

It is very important that children have an excellent knowledge of times tables as this is the key to many year 5 maths concepts- e.g. fractions. Please encourage your child to learn them at home and use Times Table Rock stars!

PE and Swimming

PE for year 5 is on a Friday. Please ensure that your child comes to school with the correct kit- black or navy joggers/tracksuit bottoms, a white or pale blue plain round neck t-shirt, a plain navy or black tracksuit top (without a hood), school jumper or fleece and trainers. If the weather allows it, we will try to have the children outside for PE sessions. Swimming will not start until 2022. We will send further information to you closer to the time.



We appreciate that the 18 months of your child's education has been very challenging. We are still seeing the effects of Covid-19 on children's learning in school. We are working very hard to support children with catch-up and revisiting anything they may have missed! There are a wealth of home learning platforms which school continue to use and can be accessed at home. These include:

www.educationcity.com

<https://trockstars.com/>

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk> (*Bug club and Abacus maths*)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any problems, please do not hesitate to contact us!
Take care and stay safe.

The Year 5 Team

