

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back after the Easter holidays! I hope that you all had a fun break with your lovely children. We have an interesting half term of activities coming up- for details of our forthcoming learning in each area of our curriculum please see the attached curriculum map.

This half term, the children in Class 1 will be learning about 'The Victorians'. We will firstly be looking at the idea of chronology through time and will be thinking about different important periods in British history. Throughout our topic, we will be focussing on what life was like for Victorian children and how different their lives were from ours today. We will look at artefacts and photos to help us to gather information. If you have any Victorian objects e.g. coal scuttles, brushes for the fireplace or toys please let me know.

We will be having a 'Victorian School Day' on Friday 8th May where the children will experience some lessons from over 100 years ago! We would love for the children to dress up in Victorian school clothes. Please see the note on Tapestry for further details.

PE lessons this half term will take place again on a **Wednesday** AND on a **Friday**. One of these sessions will be outdoor games and one will be gymnastics but we may need to swap the lessons over due to the weather so please could you ensure that children have their PE kits in school all week with a pair of trainers and warm clothes such as jogging bottoms and hoodies. 'Show and Tell' will continue to be on a **Wednesday**. Please see Tapestry for your child's slot.

Please continue to read as often as you can with your child and record their reading in their reading diaries- we would very much like win Oswald the Owl again soon so that we can get our class rewards! Please keep practising your child's sounds and tricky words- it makes a huge difference to their learning and confidence. Please keep an eye on Tapestry for notices, letters and updates of what your children have been learning.

For parents of Year 1 children: I will be sending out examples of words and details of the upcoming phonics screening check (administered in June) for you to have a look at and to practise with your children. Thanks.

If you ever have a concern or query regarding your child, please feel free to come to see us for a quick chat before or after school or you are welcome to book an appointment if you'd like more time to talk.

With best wishes,

Mrs Hayley Pratley

Ms Emilia Munro