

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to what, yet again, appears to be a very busy term. This term's topic is called '**Very Victorian**'.

**History/Geography:** In History we will learn about the changing power of monarchs, with a focus on the life and times of Queen Victoria. Alongside this in Geography, we will locate the world's countries, using maps and look at environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, climate zones and vegetation belts.

**Art/D&T:** This term's art looks at the work of Constable and Turner and will provide the stimulus for batik art work. Design and Technology focuses on gears and pulleys. The children will work through the process of designing, making and evaluating.

**Computing:** We will develop knowledge and understanding of creating games, 3D modelling and concept mapping.

**RE/Music/ French:** In R.E. we will be exploring the following questions - What kind of king was Jesus and what is the worldwide church? Our music unit is Life Cycles and French will continue to be taught by Madame Saunders on a Tuesday afternoon.

**Science:** In Science this term we are learning about animals, including human evolution and inheritance. We will explore life cycles, the circulatory and respiratory system, diet and nutrition and effects of exercise on the body.

Daily **Literacy** and **Numeracy** sessions will continue every morning. There will be an emphasis on reading and writing stories based around Philip Pullman's book *Clockwork*. We will also be reading and exploring Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. We will also be exploring a range of non-fiction genres including newspaper reports and biography writing. Children will continue to have a list of words to learn for a test the following week. This half term we will be continuing afternoon booster sessions for children in Year 6 preparing them for their upcoming SAT tests in May (N.B. SATs take place during the week beginning 14th May 2018).

Please encourage your child to read at home as often as possible and feel free to record your comments in their reading diaries.

### **Swimming and Games:**

Outdoor games will be on Tuesday afternoon and the children will need outdoor clothes this term. Ragleth and Nesscliffe have their additional PE session on a Friday, whilst Caradoc have theirs with Mr Edwards on a Thursday morning. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school each week and that if earrings are worn, they are removed or covered with tape on P.E. days. Swimming also starts this term and will take place on a Friday for eight weeks beginning on 4<sup>th</sup> May. If your child is not well enough to swim please inform their class teacher on the morning of the session. Please ensure that your child's swimwear is suitable for swimming lessons i.e. one piece swimming costumes for girls and trunks/swim shorts above the knee for boys. Also please note that spray deodorant is not permitted.

### **Crucial Crew:**

Year 6 children will attend Crucial Crew Health and Safety day at Nesscliffe on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June (more details to follow).

There will be the usual range of events this term, the dates of which you will be receiving shortly.

We hope that everyone has a happy fulfilling term.

**Janine Walker   Karen Hopewell   Tom Jones**