



# Sycamore Class

## Term 5 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We hope you have a lovely Easter holidays! In Term 5, we will be continuing with our topic of 'The Victorians', exploring the fascinating life of Queen Victoria and her role as Queen. We will be reading 'Alice in Wonderland' by Lewis Carroll and using this to inspire our very own wonderlands, full of imaginative settings and characters. Following on from our printing in Term 4, we will be trying our hand at sewing and cross-stitching to create some Victorian-inspired pieces. We will transform ourselves into street urchins when appraising and singing songs from 'Oliver!' and learn more about life in schools and workhouses. What a busy term!

<b>Reading</b>	Please read with your child at least three times a week at home and ensure that their reading record is signed and dated. A member of staff will be checking reading diaries on a Friday.
<b>Spellings</b>	Spelling tests are every Friday, and your child will be tested on the spelling pattern they have learnt about that week. New spellings will be sent out every Monday.
<b>Maths</b>	Maths homework will be set on a Monday and will be expected to have been completed by the Friday of that week. Maths homework will be set on a sheet photocopied for the children.
<b>Times Tables</b>	Each child has a Times Table Rockstars login and should be practising their tables (either on this website or in another way) three times a week at home.
<b>Grammar</b>	Grammar homework will be sent home on a Monday and your child will have two weeks to complete this, due in on the Friday.

### **Helping to enrich our topics**

It is always great to have items or visitors that support our topic, so if anyone has any experience or items that may help us with any of the work above that we could hear about or borrow, we would love to see and hear about them.

### **Useful Websites:**

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

<https://victorianchildren.org/victorian-schools/>

[www.purplemash.org.uk](http://www.purplemash.org.uk)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z826n39>

### **Questions you could ask your child about their learning this term?**

*How were schools different during the Victorian times?*

*Why is Queen Victoria so famous?*

*What impact has the Victorian era has on today?*

*How was life different for the rich and poor?*

### **Reminders**

Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day with fresh water, ensure all jumpers are labelled and bring a coat to school if needed. Sycamore Class have PE on Tuesday and Wednesday (please send your child in wearing their PE clothes, in line with school policy).

As always, many thanks for your continued support.

Mr Cline, Miss Webb and Mrs Taylor

