

Year 5&6 Term 2 Newsletter

'A Victorian Christmas'

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a fantastic half term! This term we will be continuing our topic of 'The Victorians', focussing on homes and Christmas-time. Our PE days are Mondays and Fridays, but please ensure your child's kit is always in school, as the timetable can sometimes change.

Reading	Please read with your child regularly. Their books and book bags will need to be in every day. You may like to add a positive or helpful comment in their reading diary, but please acknowledge the fact that the book has been read by signing and dating in the comments space. A member of staff will be checking reading records on Fridays and children are expected to have read at least 3 times a week with an adult. Adults at school will not write in the books as we have our own records. Don't forget, children can earn raffle tickets for weekly reading!
Spellings	Spelling will be tested each week on a Monday.
Times Tables	Please ensure that children are practising their Times Tables at home. It has become apparent that many are struggling with these, so a real push on them would be great!
Maths	Maths homework will be on My Maths. Please ensure you support your children to complete this.

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 we are doing this term, we would love to see and hear about them.

Parent readers - We are always looking for extra parent helpers to hear readers, please let me know if you are available, even if it's a one off!

Reminders - Please make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day with fresh water; ensure all jumpers are labelled and bring a coat for any wet weather.

My email address is: a.banks@st-maryhartfield.e-sussex.sch.uk - please feel free to email with any questions, or just pop into the classroom.

Many thanks, and I hope you have a great term!
Miss Banks

Art



William Morris



Illustrations - Tenniel



Computing



eSafety



Coding - Purple Mash



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What makes Christmas so important to Christians?



Music



Festive Music



Questions you could ask your child about their learning this term:

- What books has Lewis Carroll written? Have you read any of them?
- What countries were in the British Empire?
- How are your Christmases similar to a Victorian Christmases?