



# Year 6 Curriculum Letter

This term we will be covering two new topics. In the first half of term our topic will be 'Revolution,' a history based topic which will be focussed on life in the Victorian times: we will look at the differences between the rich and poor; the many fascinating inventions of the era; as well as what life was like at school for a Victorian child. After half term, we will consider all things futuristic as our topic will be 'Tomorrow's world'. As well as these exciting new areas of the curriculum, we will also continue to prepare for the SATs tests which will take place in the third week of May.

## Literacy

In Literacy we will be studying a range of texts and genres. Texts will be linked to our topics wherever possible. In the first half of the term we will explore Victorian horror stories and 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty as well as a range of historical non-fiction texts. We will also write stories with flashbacks, diaries and letters with historical links.

After half term we will focus a lot more on information texts and explore the wonders of modern technology.

## Attendance

The Government sets a minimum target of 96% attendance for every child. All absences have to be explained. Unauthorised absence must be reported to Hounslow. Fines of up to £100 are imposed for taking holidays in school time. If your attendance becomes a concern your parents will receive a letter setting targets.

## P.S.H.E.

We will encourage the children to think how their behaviour affects those around them as well as recognising what constitutes a positive, healthy relationship and develop the skills to form and maintain positive and healthy relationships.

We will cover how you develop emotionally and physically over your teenage years. We will look at bullying and issues around staying safe.



## Numeracy

We will continue to cover the curriculum in preparation for the SATs exams. In May the children will have to sit 3 papers in Maths - arithmetic - centred around quick calculation skills in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division as well as calculating percentages, fractions of numbers and adding and subtracting fractions. In addition to this, there are 2 reasoning papers, in which the children will show their understanding of mathematical concepts by applying their knowledge to solving problems and investigating number.



## Science and ICT

In the Spring Term, we will look at scientific discoveries and electricity. In ICT, the children will be programming their own computer games. The children will enjoy various exciting experiments and activities during a science-based week.



## Trips and visits

This term, the children will find out exactly what it was like to be a school child in the Victorian era, as well as exploring other aspects of Victorian life.

Several children have signed up for School Journey in May and we look forward to the exciting activities that we will be doing while away for the weekend. Shortly you will receive a letter regarding the next required payment.

## Art/Design Technology

We will link our work in this curriculum area with our topics, as well as preparing for our Art Exhibition which we look forward to seeing you at. This term, the children will be practising sewing skills, as well as exploring botanical painting and William Morris printing.



## Music and Dance

We will be exploring Victorian music and dance, learning and choreographing dance routines typical of that era.

## PE

In the new year, we will be improving our skills in Dance and Gym as well as some competitive sports.