

CLASS 5 NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2023

Dear Parents,

For the next 8 weeks, the children in Class 5 will be learning about:

Victorian Invention and the Coming of the Railways

We will be investigating these key questions:

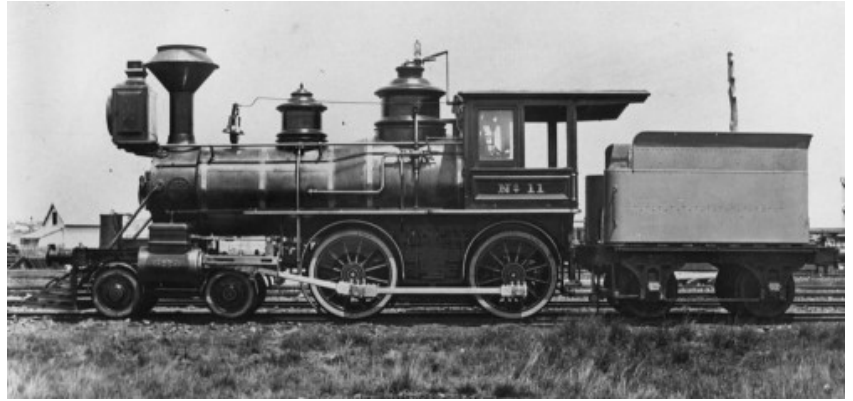
What do we mean by the Victorian Era?

What changed during Queen Victoria's reign?

What was the Industrial Revolution?

Why was the steam engine so important?

What was the great exhibition and how does it affect Britain today?



- We will be completing pieces of writing using Charles Dickens, the Railway Navvies and Victorian inventors as inspiration. We will also be reading texts related to the Victorian era and its historical impact.
- In Maths, we will be consolidating children's understanding of place value for the first 3 weeks before moving on to securing their addition and subtraction skills. Building these basic skills up is an essential base for tackling more challenging concepts later in the year.
- In science, we will be learning about Charles Darwin and his theory of evolution through natural selection.
- In art, we will be learning about observational drawing skills based on the sketches of Charles Darwin.

This half term, Class 5 will have **PE** on **Tuesdays and Fridays**. Please remember to come to school in PE kit on those days, or if you have an after-school club or other school sporting event.

Homework expectations:

- Regular reading at home, ideally daily but I understand that life doesn't always work out that easily! Please can the children bring their reading books to school every day. We are reintroducing a reading log this year. Please can you keep this up to date as much as possible. Keep it simple by recording the name of the book, date and page number.
- Spelling sounds – Each week the children will be given a new spelling sound to look out for that week. Please discuss any examples of these spelling sounds that you spot with them during the week and ask them to write them down to share if convenient.
- Weekly maths practice on Times Table Rock Stars – 20 mins a week (we will be updating accounts next week).
- Read theory – Children have been given login details for their read theory accounts. This is an online reading comprehension program which automatically adjusts to their reading level. They should aim to complete at least 5 texts a week. Please do not aid with this directly as it will skew the algorithm and they will find it very challenging.

If you have any questions, please catch us at the beginning or end of the day or send me an email:

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Many thanks,

Mr Rose