

# WEST WINCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term 2018

Dear Parents,

Here at West Winch Primary School we welcome and encourage the important link between home and school. We would like you to be fully involved with your child's education. This letter is to inform you of the topics, curriculum content and homework your child will be working through this term.

### **Core Subjects (English, Mathematics and Science)**

The main topics are:

**English** - Biography/Autobiography, Reports, Narrative Writing. There is also a major focus on spelling, grammar and punctuation skills.

**Mathematics** – Place Value, Rounding, Multiplication and Division, Money/Real Life Problems, Fractions, Decimals and Percentages, Shape and Space. Reasoning and Problem Solving.

**Science** – Light, Evolution and Inheritance,

### **Class Topic**

The main class topic we will be covering this term is:

The Victorians: (Oliver Twist)

- In this topic children find out about the lives of Victorian children, how attitudes towards children have changed, and the people who are remembered for their part in these changes. Children develop their understanding of the concept of change and continuity and their sense of period, by looking at the characteristic features of children's lives in the Victorian period. They build on their understanding of chronology by locating the Victorian period within a time framework, and by sequencing changes within the period. We are also studying the impact of famous Victorian men and women who influenced the era.

### **Homework**

Homework is given as an extension to work in class and is used to reinforce and extend your child's knowledge and skills. It is a very important part of their education, so please make time for your child to complete their home activities, supporting them as needed. Just to remind you that homework in Year 6 involves reading done at home on a regular basis (**please record this in the reading record**). Spellings are recorded in the children's red spelling books and are usually tested on a Tuesday. Also on a Friday you will be sent Maths/English homework, which is usually due in on the following Tuesday. It is also expected that your child will spend time reviewing and revising everything they have learned in school on a regular basis. Your child will have a Homework Diary in which to record their homework, which should go back and forth between home and school every day. Do please support your child to ensure that homework is completed to a good standard and returned promptly.

## **P.E.**

P.E. for Year 6 is usually on Monday and Wednesday. A full P.E. kit (as listed in the school prospectus) should be kept in school at all times. Earrings can be taped down (with plasters) for P.E. lessons. If you wish your child to keep their earrings in for P.E., **please** send in plasters for them to use. Please ensure that all kit brought into school is clearly named. Year 6 will be swimming on Fridays in the Spring term – details nearer the time.

## **School Trips**

Year 6 will be visiting Gressenhall Museum, where the children will experience life as a Victorian child. The provisional date for this is Friday October 12<sup>th</sup> 2018. It would be great if your child could dress the part as it really brings home this experience. Please could you also ensure that you have given permission for your child to participate in any impromptu visits around the village.

I hope you have found this letter useful. An additional letter will be sent home in the Spring Term 2019 to update you on new topics and class information. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me to make an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs D McConnell  
Year 6 Class Teacher