

# Year 5 Newsletter – Autumn 2010

A big welcome back to you all! We hope that you find the information in this newsletter informative and helpful. This will be a busy but exciting term for us as we continue our creative learning journey through our Victorian topic.

## **Communication**

We work hard to do the best for your child. If, at any time, you have a concern or question, please talk to the class teacher who will be around at the end of each day. If you are still concerned please talk to Mrs Noon, the phase leader.

**P.E.** For the first half term we will be walking to Copleston to practice rugby and running skills with the high school P.E. Department. We anticipate that this will be on Friday afternoons. We would ask for your support in ensuring your child has the appropriate clothing for P.E.

The P.E. kit is:

Green shorts

School design T-Shirt

Plimsolls or Trainers

Alternatively a plain white T-shirt and plain shorts or plain track suit. A change of clothing and footwear is essential.

Jewellery will need to be removed before all PE sessions.

**Topic:** This term we are finding out about life in Victorian Britain. Children will have the opportunity to investigate what life was like for children, the rich and the poor, law and order, the British Empire and the art and culture of the time. We also hope to explore the local area in relation to our work. Later this term we will be having a Victorian Workshop.

**Homework:** Your child may receive work connected to the Literacy or Maths that they have been studying during the week to reinforce learning and we will be setting a more creative homework task connected to our topic. We expect children to read books and other material at home on a regular basis.

## **Literacy and Maths:**

This term we will be looking at poetry, instructional text and older literature. Spelling strategies will be taught within the Literacy lessons and Guided reading will take place each day, with a variety of activities. In Maths we will be building on the skills already learnt and following the National Numeracy Strategy. We are challenging the pupils to solve problems during weekly investigations.

We will be continuing with the creative curriculum this term, linking as many lessons and subject areas as possible to the main topic of Victorians. Our timetable will therefore be quite flexible to fit in with the creative nature of the work.

**Swimming** is on Monday afternoons and we would appreciate help with taking pupils over to the pool, for health and safety reasons. Please speak to any one of us if you are able to help or sign up on the sheet outside the classroom.

