

Spring Term 2024

Important Dates

Wed 3rd Jan	Inset day
Tues 9th Jan	Volunteer safeguarding training, 14:45
Wed 31st Jan	Young Voices Choir at the O2
Wk/beg 31st Jan	Festival of Literature
Mon 5th Feb	Year 6 Victorian Day
Tues 6th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Wb 12th Feb	House Netball Tournament
Half Term	19th - 23rd Feb
Tues 5th Mar	Parent consultations
Wed 6th Mar	Parent consultations
Thurs 7th Mar	World Book Day (dress as an adjective)
Mon 11th Mar	UKS2 Maths games and work sharing
Thurs 14th Mar	Year 6 instrumental concert
Wk/beg 25th Mar	House cross country final
Wk/beg 25th Mar	Science week and House Science Quiz
Thurs 28th Mar	Term Ends 2pm

PSHE

This term the children will complete two PSHE units. The first encourages them share their own strengths, and set challenging and realistic goals. The second they will discuss taking responsibility for their own physical and emotional health.

Trips, Events and Workshops

Victorian Day at school. This will involve dressing up.
Monday 5th February

Tour of Victorian houses in Bishops Stortford.

Maths

Focus of the term: area, perimeter and volume, properties of shape, angles and coordinates, measures and statistics. We will continue to revise all areas of number. We appreciate your continued support at home with these areas.

PE Kit

PE lessons are on Mondays and Fridays. Please continue to come to school in kit on these days (white top and green shorts/bottle green tracksuit). This term's PE will be focusing on handball and health related fitness.

Happy New Year! We hope you have had a restful Christmas break. We look forward to working with the children on this term's exciting topic about the Victorians. Please can you ensure that your child brings in a pair of shoes they can wear outside at playtime, which they don't mind getting muddy! We are aware that many children have received mobile phones as Christmas presents; this is a gentle reminder that phones are only permitted for the purpose of walking to/from school. A consent form can be found on our website.

If you need to contact either of us, please use our email addresses below. Please allow two days for a reply.

Class11@northgate.herts.sch.uk

Class12@northgate.herts.sch.uk

Best wishes, Miss Hartley and Mr Brown

Our Topic

This term, our topic is **Revolutions**. This is a history-based topic focusing on the Victorian era. We will learn about the life and times of Victorian school children, living in the Victorian workhouse, the Victorian royal family and the many inventions of this fascinating period of time. Many of our curriculum subjects will be linked to this topic.

English

Over the term we will be covering the following text types: Gothic horror narratives, diary entries, instructions and persuasive writing. All of these will be linked to the Victorian era using stories such as *The Little Match Girl* by Hans Christian Anderson, as well as exploring the gothic horror characters of Frankenstein's monster, Dracula and Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde.

Art/DT

In art, we will be studying William Morris and creating our own prints in his style. In DT, we will be constructing Victorian fairground rides.

Science

Our two topics will be 'electricity' and 'evolution and inheritance'.

RE

We will be looking at Hinduism and Christianity.

Home Learning

Children are expected to read to an adult for 15 minutes at least 3 times a week in order to help them, increase their vocabulary and deepen their understanding of the text. If your child is a fluent reader, please talk to them about the vocabulary and check their understanding of the text. Please sign in their reading record. If your child has lost or misplaced

Spellings, based on the 'Read, write, inc' spelling scheme, are set on a weekly basis.

Tables up to 12 x 12 will be practised on a weekly basis using Times Tables Rock Stars.

Maths Key Instant Recall Fact (KIRFS) for the half term should be practised as much as possible so it becomes fluent. See weekly home learning for details.

Maths and English tasks are sent home on a Friday and need to be completed and returned by the following Friday. The children will also have two Mathletics tasks, which must be completed. Home learning tasks must be completed in home learning books. Sometimes, a topic based task will be sent home instead of English.

These tasks should take approximately 30 minutes each. Each week, home learning will be communicated via Google Classroom.

Reading

In class, we will be reading a range of texts, including *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty which is linked to our history topic.

Please ensure your child's reading record is in school daily so they can be used for communication about reading progress.

All children are expected have a book in class. They may use school library books or bring in an age appropriate book from home. If you are interested in helping to listen to individual readers, please contact the office.

