

Spring Term 2023

Important Dates

Mon 9th Jan	Safeguarding training for volunteers, 0900
Fri 13th Jan	House football competition
Wk/beg 16th Jan	House science quiz
Wk/beg 30th Jan	Festival of Literature
Tue 7th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Half Term	13th - 17th Feb
Thurs 23rd Feb	Year 6 Instrumental Concert
Tues 28th Feb	Parent consultations, 1540 to 1840
Wed 1st March	Parent consultations, 1530 to 1800
Thurs 2nd March	World Book Day
WB 27th March	Creating Thinking Week
Wed 29th March	House cross country final
Thurs 30th March 9am	UKS2 Creative Thinking Parent Workshop /work sharing
Fri 31st March	Term Ends 2pm



Trips, Events and Workshops

Victorian Day at school. This will involve dressing up.
 Tuesday 21st February
 Tour of Victorian houses in Bishops Stortford.

PE Kit

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

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.

General

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.

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 Dunn

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, it is beneficial to talk to them about the vocabulary and the text.

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 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.

All children are expected to have a book in class. They may use school library books or bring in an age appropriate book from home. Teachers will check record books in your child's weekly guided reading session. If your child has lost or misplaced their reading record, please let us know as soon as possible.

If you have 30 minutes spare each week and would like to listen to readers, please let your class teacher know.

