

Year 5: Spring 1: Victorian Aldershot

What's our focus this term?

Your child has been doing such a fantastic job since they've been in year 5. Our focus this term is to continue to build on these great attitudes. This means that we will be ensuring that every child is reading at least three times a week, practising their times tables on TT Rockstars and completing both their paper English homework and their device-based MyMaths homework.

We want to make sure that your child is giving themselves the best opportunity to reach age-related expectations in their learning and look forward to working with you to help them achieve this.



For maths, we will begin to send home a small amount of additional homework if we identify that your child is finding a concept difficult.

This is to help consolidate their understanding.

Please talk to your child's maths teacher if you have any questions about this.

Spring 1 (6 weeks): Victorian Aldershot

Stimulus: Farnham Museum immersive Victorian experience

History: Victorians

English text: The Sleeper and the Spindle

Class reader: Incredible Journeys (non-fiction)/ Oliver Twist (playscript)

Computing: Publisher and Online Safety

RE: Faith

Music: Untuned instrument families

French: Birthdays and Food

Science: Forces

Indoor PE: Circuits

Outdoor PE: Running

Art: Anime



KEY DATES

Tuesday 4th Jan: INSET day

Wednesday 5th - Friday 7th Jan: Topic days

W/C Monday 10th Jan: Friendship Week

W/C Monday 7th Feb: Internet Safety Week

Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th or Wednesday 16th Feb: Trip to Farnham Museum (each class one day)

Friday 18th Feb: Nepali Day

Friday 18th Feb: Last day of term!

Monday 28th Feb: First day of Spring 2

HOMEWORK

The children have got off to a good start with their homework but please be aware that we will now be ensuring that there is always completed, as part of their preparation for year 6.

In Year 5, homework consists of a weekly Mathematics (online) and an English task (paper sheet). Both are set on a Monday and due in the following Monday.

5 'rule breakers' or tricky words will be sent home on a Monday in their spelling book and via text to practice. We also ask that you continue to practise times tables recall with your children regularly and continue to use TT Rockstars.

Finally, we ask that you ensure they are reading either a school book or a book from home at least 3 times per week and that this is recorded in their reading record and signed by an adult.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Farnham Museum

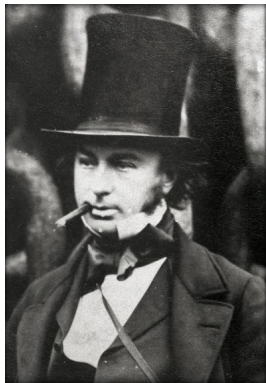


To help your child to really understand what life was like for a Victorian child, we are going to be going to Farnham Museum for an immersive school trip. As part of the day, they will be given the opportunity to attend a

Victorian school. For this, we will be encouraging them to wear Victorian-style clothing, to help them get into character.

We will send you more information soon and please contact the school if you have any questions.

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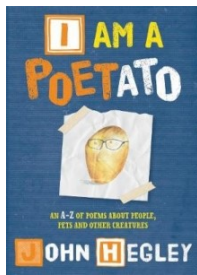
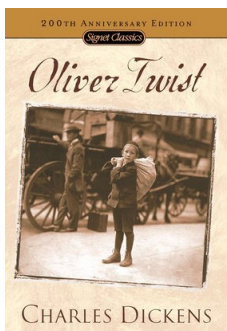
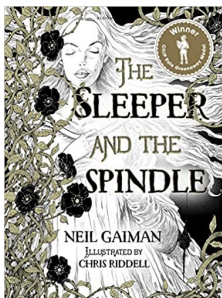
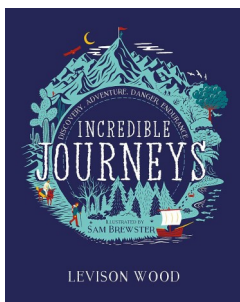
A very special assignment

This half-term, we are hoping to invite you into school to celebrate your child's very special assignment... As a topic homework, your child is invited to design an engineering marvel which would revolutionise Aldershot. It could be a bridge, a railway, a building - anything which would make Isambard Kingdom Brunel proud! We would love to see your child **make** this design too, along with a document explaining why it should be chosen.

You will then be invited into school at the end of the half-term, for an exhibition. At this World Fair-style event, we will invited impartial judges in to award the prestigious blue ribbon once they have spoken to your child about their design.

More information will be sent home to you about this soon. Please support your child in this event. Thank you!

Have a sneak peak into some of the exciting texts we'll be reading this half term across our core and foundation topics.



Online safety

Please make sure that you are continuing to support your child's online safety by ensuring you are aware of the content that they are consuming online. If you have any questions about how to keep your child safe, please talk to their class teacher.

We are also focusing on how to be safe online for our Computing unit. Please see the learning objectives that we will be covering and feel free to contact us if you want to discuss them in more detail.

- To understand how to be a good digital citizen
- To identify appropriate online friends and the influence they have on us
- To understand the benefits and risks of sharing information online
- To identify appropriate and inappropriate online behaviour
- To explore the need for a balance between online and offline activity