



Thunberg Class - Year 5

Spring 1

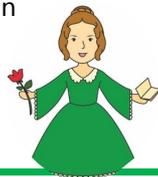
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I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and are ready for a new year of fun and learning! As always, if you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to send me a message on Dojo. I am also available most days after school if you would like a brief chat. Thank you- Miss Cooper

Topic



This half term we will be learning about the Victorians and the Bronte sisters' experiences during these times. This will involve learning about how life was different for the rich and poor Victorians, working life for children and how Britain was changed by the Industrial Revolution. We will find out why Queen Victoria was such a popular monarch and see which countries were part of the British Empire during her reign. We will also research how trading has changed since Victorian times and will replicate work from our artist of the half term: William Morris.



Class Dojo

Dojo will be my primary method of communication with you again this half term. Please ensure you check this regularly for any messages, reminders or information. If you have any queries or questions please send me a message on here and I will get back to you as soon as possible. If you are having any difficulties accessing Dojo please contact the office.



Water/Snacks



Children need filled water bottles in school daily (please ensure this is water, not juice). Also, they are encouraged to bring a healthy snack for morning break (such as fruit, vegetable sticks, cheese or a cereal bar) - this should help boost concentration until lunch.

PE/Outdoor learning

We will be having 2 sessions of PE per week again this half term. Swimming will continue to take place on a Monday morning for the first two full weeks. Please ensure your child's bag is large enough to hold their shoes and clothes and that all of this is labelled. We will have our other session of PE on Wednesday. Info about the other session will be sent once swimming has ended. Pupils can come to school in their PE kits on a Wednesday - please also ensure they have a waterproof coat as we may be outside.



This half term we will be doing outdoor learning on a Friday (whatever the weather) so please ensure your child comes in warm clothes, a waterproof coat and suitable shoes. It would also be really helpful to bring a bag containing a spare pair of shoes for when we return inside after these sessions.

RE

Our theme in school this half term is Respect. We will be discussing what this means and talk about how we can show others respect, linking these ideas to bible teachings. In RE lessons our big question is 'What would Jesus do?' Here, we will be learning about features of Gospel texts and will look how Christians apply these in their community and individual lives.



Key Dates

Wednesday 5th Jan - Big Bird Watch launch
Monday 17th Jan - Last swimming session
Thursday 19th Jan (3:15 & 5:00) - Ingleborough meetings
Thursday 20th Jan - Dyslexia Day
Friday 22nd Jan - Oxenhope's Big Read Day
Every Friday 2:30pm - Celebration Assembly!

Maths

This half term we will be focusing on multiplication and division, with an emphasis on using the formal written methods to calculate increasingly different questions involving 4 digits. We will then apply this knowledge to solve problem solving/reasoning questions. We will also start learning about fractions, finding equivalents and adding/subtracting fractions with different denominators.

We will also have daily arithmetic lessons to reinforce our times table knowledge, skills and improve our calculation techniques.

Writing

In English lessons we will continue our text-based approach to teaching and learning. All of our writing lessons will be based around a central text (which is yet to be revealed) and will involve a variety of reading, GPS and writing activities. We will build our stamina for writing over the half term using the chapters to write in a variety of genres, with a particular focus on diary entries. We will then complete a 'hot write' at the end of the half term to demonstrate the skills we have acquired over the unit.

We will also have time dedicated to key GPS skills every day.

Reading

This half term we will continue having 3 guided reading sessions each week. We will also have the opportunity to read independently and visit the school library. Our library day this half term is Thursday. Please ensure you bring your book every week, even if you are keeping it so it can be renewed.

Remember to read regularly to an adult at home, getting them to write a comment in your reading record each time. I look forward to reading these comments as you change your book. Please also bring these to school every day.

Homework

A list of topic-based homework choices will be sent separately/on Dojo. Pupils can choose which pieces they would like to complete and send in through Dojo or return to class by Wednesday. This list is not exhaustive and should just be used as a guide. Please be as creative as you would like!

There will also be 1 or 2 Mathematics tasks to try each week to consolidate the learning we have done in class.

Please ensure you read with your child each night too, making notes in their reading record book.

Year 5 at a glance - Spring 1!

In addition to the core subjects, here is an insight into some of the lessons we will be doing and information about anything extra you may need each day.

Monday	Swimming, PSHE and Science. Swimming kits needed today.
Tuesday	History/Geography and art.
Wednesday	Computing and PE - Come to school in your outdoor PE kit and bring a waterproof coat. Homework due in - please ensure it is on Dojo by today.
Thursday	RE and Spanish. Library session today - bring your library book to renew or exchange.
Friday	Outdoor learning - Please bring a bag containing a change of footwear (wellies/walking boots) and extra clothing to suit the weather.
Please bring your reading book and record to school with you every day.	

Please note, this will change once swimming ends and a new version will be sent on Dojo.