



HIGHGATE

PRIMARY SCHOOL

9th November 2021

Dear Parents,

Year 5 Class Newsletter

Autumn 2

We hope you had a relaxing break and that your child enjoyed their first half term in Year 5. Thank you very much for all your support so far with reading, homework and fabulous costumes for assemblies and Victorian day; it was a truly memorable experience!

Curriculum

This term we continue the Victorian theme with our new topic, 'What Price Progress?' in which the children learn about the impact of industrial and technological change, including climate change and its effects. We start by looking at the Victorian industrial revolution, the inventions that underpinned it and the effect industrialization and urbanization had on different sections of Victorian society.

We move on to think about the impact economic growth and technological change had, and continue to have, on the environment. The topic concludes by looking at sustainability and what measures can be put into place to preserve our planet for the future.

In English this half term, the children will first be studying, performing and comparing Victorian and modern poetry. The children will write an effective reading response to a short story by Michael Morpurgo. After that we improve our arguing skills (parents may not initially appreciate the benefit of this)! We learn how to take part in a verbal debate on the question 'Does technology improve people's lives?' and how to present a balanced discussion. In maths, the children will be working on their understanding of number through multiplication and division, including factors and prime numbers; before moving on to shape and measure, with particular focus on calculating the perimeter and area of polygons (shapes with sides).

Our other lessons are interwoven with this half term's topic. In science, we explore materials, their properties and changes of state. In environmental science the children will learn about carbon emissions, and the consequences of rising sea levels and temperatures on our planet. In geography the children will



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look at the impact of economic migration on our landscape during the industrial revolution. In history, they will consider the changes that arose in British politics and society as a response to this economic and social transformation.

We are excited to announce that our first proper Year 5 trip this year will be a visit to The Science Museum to explore two exhibitions: the *Energy Hall* and *Making the Modern World*. This will take place on Friday 3rd December. Please expect further information to follow, nearer the time.

Homework

Home learning will continue to be posted on Google Classroom on Friday and needs to be uploaded by the following Wednesday. If your child can't do their homework at home, or is finding homework difficult, please talk to us.

Key Dates

Wednesday 24 th November	Parent consultations 4.00 – 6.30pm in person
Thursday 25 th November	Parent consultations 5.00 – 7.00pm on Zoom
Friday 26 th November	INSET DAY - no school for children
Friday 3 rd December	Trip to Science Museum
Saturday 4 th December	Highgate Primary Winter Fair
Friday 17 th December	Term ends at 1.30pm

With best wishes

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