



## HIGHGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents

We hope you had a relaxing break and that your child has 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 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 industrialisation and urbanisation had on different sections of Victorian society.

We move on to study more recent societal changes such as the prevalence of the internet in our lives and the emergence of AI. The topic concludes by looking at sustainability and what measures can be put in 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. 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, focusing on multiplication, division and fractions.

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



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## **Homework**

Home learning will continue to be handed out on a Friday and needs to be returned the following Wednesday. If your child can't do their homework at home or is finding homework difficult please talk to us.

## **PE**

A reminder that the children will do P.E. outdoors even if there is light rain. Please do ensure that your child has an appropriate layer to put on to keep them dry, and that they wear appropriate clothes **and footwear** for exercise. Our P.E. for this half term is athletics and yoga.

5NL will have P.E. on Tuesdays (outside) and Thursdays (inside).

5IO will have P.E. on Tuesdays (outside) and Wednesdays (inside).

## **Key Dates**

Date	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Show Racism the Red Card day.
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Trip to the Science Museum
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 4 - 6pm.	Parent consultations
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 6 - 8:30pm	Parent consultations
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET DAY
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	5IO Trip to The Royal Institution
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Guitar continuers concert with Year 4 – 2:45pm
<i>Date tbc by Hilla</i>	Violin continuers concert with Year 4 – 2:45pm
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	5NL Trip to The Royal Institution
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	5NL Christmas Show – 2pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	5IO Christmas Show – 2pm



Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Term ends at 1.30pm
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Term starts for children

With best wishes,

The Year 5 Team

