



# Topic Learning Letter

## Year Five

<b>Topic</b>	Our topics this term are The Victorians and Rainforest Rescue. We will be exploring the history of the Victorian era through the novel 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. Our Geography topic will involve comparing two continents by investigating rainforest biomes.
<b>Launch and Land</b>	We will launch our topic with a dramatic insight into Victorian schooling and land with a visit to Audley End House where, dressed as Victorians, the children will learn about Victorian life. Our Rainforest topic will include a visit to forest school.
<b>Trips / Visitors</b>	We will visit the William Morris Gallery to gain inspiration for our art topic. Then we will visit Audley End House to land our Victorian topic.
<b>English</b>	Our focus this term will be on narrative with an emphasis on character, recount and persuasion. You can help your child by discussing how characters are portrayed in their favourite books.
<b>Maths</b>	We will kick off the new year with fractions before moving on to decimals and percentages. Dinner time is a perfect opportunity to reinforce this when cutting cakes or pizza!
<b>Science</b>	In science this term we will be investigating forces followed by going 'Out of this World' with our Earth & Space topic. If it is a clear night, this is the perfect time to keep a moon diary.
<b>Computing</b>	We will be undertaking a graphics unit on vector drawings. During the second half term we will be exploring computer systems, networking and shared document use.
<b>History/Geography</b>	An in depth enquiry into the Victorians is the focus of our history this term and in Geography we will explore rainforests.
<b>Design and Technology / Art</b>	We will be taking inspiration from William Morris and producing our own wallpapers in art using modern printing methods. Then we will be linking to our rainforest topic to create a rainforest inspired collage with a range of mixed media. In DT we will be designing and making our own toys using cams.
<b>Music</b>	We will be exploring the music that was common during Victorian times and writing our own radio jingles.
<b>PSHE</b>	In PHSE the topics will be on our Dreams and Goals and Healthy Me, in which we will be learning about making healthy lifestyle choices.
<b>French</b>	In French this term we will be learning about sports, You can help your child to learn the relevant vocabulary.
<b>Reminders</b>	Both classes will be doing PE on Thursday afternoons as normal. Year 5 will be swimming for the second half of the term. Forest School will take place after February half term and we will send out more information about this nearer the time.

If you have any questions or concerns at all please talk to one of the Year Five Team.