



# Topic Learning Letter

Year Five

<b>Topic</b>	Our topics this term are The Victorians and Climate Change. We will be exploring the history of the Victorian era through the novel 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty.
<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. We will launch our Climate change topic by looking at videos and headlines released by NASA, revealing current concerns about the state of our planet. We will land our topic by sharing our climate change banners with others to highlight the issues that our world is facing.
<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 where, dressed as Victorians, the children will learn about Victorian life.
<b>English</b>	Our focus this term will be on narrative with an emphasis on character and recount. You can help your child by discussing how characters are portrayed in their favourite books. We will also be learning about non-chronological reports, linked to our Climate Change topic.
<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 before moving on to looking at life cycles and animal habitats, linked to our visit to Forest School.
<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 be developing our understanding of Climate Change.
<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. In DT we will be designing and making our own toys using cams.
<b>Music</b>	Year 5 will be taking part in an exciting opera project with Saffron Hall. We will be attending special workshops delivered by a climate change scientist and a musician to develop responses to climate change, culminating in a unique performance of a new opera called Uprising.
<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 covering "Chez Moi" and "Les Vêtements".
<b>Reminders</b>	Both classes will be doing PE on Tuesday 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.