



# Year Five Newsletter: Summer 1 2025

Welcome back to a new term of learning here in Year Five.

We hope that you have had a lovely Easter break and the children are returning to school well rested and ready for a fun packed term.

We have a very exciting summer term planned in Year Five. This term we will be studying the Victorians in our topic, *Vile or Virtuous*. We will examine our rich local history, think about all the progress and inventions made by the Victorians, as well as comparing Victorian life with modern day. We will also be taking a Victorians themed trip in summer 2: more details to follow.

If you do have any questions, please speak to us in person or email us at [office@saltaireps.co.uk](mailto:office@saltaireps.co.uk).

With our best regards, The Year Five team

Our Learning Theme:	Important Dates:	Crew and Personal Development:
<h3>Victorians</h3> <p>Our big Oracy question for the term will be: What did the Victorians do for us?</p>	<b>FOSPS Sponsored Colour Run - 30th April</b> <b>May Day Bank Holiday- Monday 5th May - school closed</b> <b>School closes for half term - 23rd May</b>	We will be exploring how we can be the best version of ourselves, such as how we can keep ourselves healthy and safe and how we can contribute to our wider community.
Homework	PE Days	
Spelling and maths homework will continue to be sent home on a Friday in a book which your child can use to complete their practice in. It is to be completed and brought back for the following Friday. The children will go through their work in class so <b>please ensure it is returned each week.</b>	<u><b>Monday:</b></u> Indoor PE will continue to take place on a Monday and we will focus on netball. We will revisit the basic skills taught in year 4 and build upon these. We will build on scenarios, which will allow us to work on a variety of passes, shooting, movement, communication and teamwork. <u><b>Wednesday:</b></u> Outdoor PE will take place on Wednesdays and will focus upon football. We will be focussing on skills associated with attacking and defending. We will also develop our knowledge of the sport of football through whole class discussions and playing a variety of small game specific practices, which will then culminate in whole class games.  <b>Please ensure your child wears appropriate PE clothes, in line with the school uniform policy.</b>	
Curriculum		
English	Maths	Science
In English we will be studying the book <i>Gorilla</i> by Antony Browne. The children will create some of their own versions of the story. We want the children to understand and explore the different language structures used to give different impacts.  After this we will be writing some Victorian news reports using the story of <i>Street Child</i> as our inspiration.	In maths, we will be delving into statistics where we will look at how to interpret data taken from graphs, tables and timetables. We will then move onto geometry where we will explore shape, position and direction. Please continue to log on to TT Rockstars at home or any other activities that strengthen your child's mathematical knowledge. If your child has forgotten their logins, please ask and they can be sent home.	In science, we will be diving into biology exploring life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds.  We will also explore the reproduction of both mammals and plants.
Humanities	Computing	Art and Design Technology
This half term we will be moving on to study the Victorians. We will explore the industrial revolution, inventions, toys and of course explore the local history, examining Titus Salt and his Saltaire legacy.	Creating media -In this unit, children will start to create vector drawings. They learn how to use different drawing tools to help them create images. Learners recognise that images in vector drawings are created using shapes and lines, and each individual element in the drawing is called an object. Children layer their objects and begin grouping and duplicating them to support the creation of more complex pieces of work.	In DT, we will be designing and making our own Victorian inspired stuffed toys. Children will learn how to use the blanket stitch.
Elsewhere in the curriculum...		Year Five Team
In French with Madame Thakker, we will be learning about making healthy food choices, comparing French and British food habits and sampling a French breakfast.  In music, we will be listening to, appraising and singing 'Dancing in the street' and other 1960s R&B/Soul/Motown songs. We will also be improvising, composing and performing our own songs with instrumental accompaniment		Miss Hayden - Hawking class teacher Mr Hurtault - Curie class teacher  Miss Nicol - LSA Mrs Taylor - LSA