



Thursday 6th November 2025

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 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 A.I. The topic concludes with us 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 study, perform and compare Victorian and modern poetry. They will learn how to take part in a verbal debate on the question, 'Does technology improve people's lives?' and will then present our conclusions in 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 will look at the impact of economic migration on our landscape during the industrial revolution. In history, they will consider the changes in 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 set 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. We would like to remind you of the importance of giving your child time to read, out loud, every day and the need for all children to get their TT Rockstars heat maps to green before Christmas.

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 tag rugby and yoga.

Both classes will continue with P.E. on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Trips

We will be visiting the Science Museum on Thursday 4th December. Information about the trip will be in a separate letter. If you wish to volunteer, please email the office.

Key Dates

Date	
Friday 7 th – Sunday 9 th November	Highgate Art Fair at Highgate Primary School
Wednesday 26 th November	Parent consultations 4pm onwards
Thursday 27 th November	Parent consultations 6pm onwards
Friday 28 th November	INSET DAY – No School
Thursday 4 th December	Trip to Science Museum
Saturday 6 th December: 2pm	Christmas Fair
Wednesday 10 th December (2pm)	Christmas Show A – 5DC
Thursday 11 th December (2pm)	Christmas Show B – 5NL
Friday 19 th December	Term ends at 1:45pm
Monday 5 th January	Term starts for children

With best wishes,

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