



WORKSOP PRIORY C of E PRIMARY ACADEMY

Class 6 Spring Term 2017

Welcome back to a new term: the focus of the learning is 'Just How Vile Were The Victorians?' which will see us investigating various aspects of Victorian life in our local area. We will look at census returns; investigate different working practices and debate the rights and wrongs of working children before the children decide what they'd like to research in depth leading to their own personal presentations. We will also be discovering more about the history of mining in and around Worksop and how the buildings around us have changed over time. In Science, we will work on Evolution & Inheritance and link this with research into the famous Victorian scientist, Charles Darwin. We will enjoy a Victorian themed day later in the term where children will be invited to dress in character to experience a day in the life of a Victorian. In Maths, the children will be working on their skills in number calculations, decimals, factors, properties of 2d and 3d shape and data handling. In RE, we will complete the unit 'Religions Here and Now'.

This term we will continue to use '**Big Maths**' for teaching mathematics. By implementing this scheme we can ensure that all children have a constant, daily input to improve their mathematics knowledge and skills.

School Uniform

As you are aware we have a compulsory school uniform at Priory and children are required to wear the following:

Boys: Black trousers, burgundy knitted jumper or tank top (with school badge), plain white buttoned shirt, clip on tie (real tie optional from Year 3), black school shorts in the Summer, black or grey socks.

Girls: Black pinafore dress/skirt/trousers, burgundy cardigan or tank top (with school badge), plain white buttoned blouse (with top fastening button), clip on tie (real tie optional from Year 3), yellow and white gingham dresses (no tie required)/black school shorts in the Summer (optional), black, white or grey socks **or** black, grey or burgundy tights.

All children must wear appropriate, sensible, black shoes with good grip and closed toes.

Trainers and boots are not acceptable.

Please be aware that children should not be wearing nail varnish or make up of any kind and hair should not be dyed or have patterns shaved into it.

The only jewellery worn in school should be a small watch. Children with pierced ears may wear small, plain gold studs, which must be removed on PE days.

We would ask that if you wish your child to have pierced ears then please wait for the Summer holidays. If your child does have his/her ears pierced during school time, they will need to wear micro-pore tape from home over their new studs during PE lessons for a few weeks.

Things that your child needs to bring to school each day

- **Reading pack** – reading is a vital skill for success across the curriculum, so please make sure that your child brings their reading pack each day to school. There are many opportunities for children to read during the day, including one to one intervention, small group work, guided reading, etc. It is therefore vital that your child has their book wallet in school each day.
- **Glasses** – if your child needs to wear glasses they need to be brought into school each day. If you do have problems with this please ask the optician for a second pair and keep them in school.
- **Asthma inhalers** – If your child is asthmatic it is essential that your child's name is on the school register and they have an up to date inhaler in school. Without this he / she will not be able to go on visits or take part in PE sessions.
- **PE Kit** - The school PE Kit consists of a plain white t shirt, black or navy blue shorts, training shoes (in a separate carrier bag if possible) and jogging pants / track suit for the colder weather. It should be brought into school every Monday and taken home for a wash on Friday. Long hair needs to be tied back in all sport lessons. It would be helpful if children are able to tie laces themselves if they bring lace up trainers rather than Velcro ones.

Drinking Water Bottles

We would ask parents/carers to try and ensure that bottles are taken home and washed thoroughly every weekend. Replacement bottles will cost £2 each.

Homework

Children are expected to:

- As a minimum in Year 6, there will be a piece of homework sent on a Monday which will be due back the following Monday. Parents will also receive details via Marvellous Me.
- Read at least 3 times a week at home (Please record this in their record book)
- Learn spellings ready for the weekly Thursday spelling test
- Practise the Learn Its each week, which will be shared via a Marvellous Me message or on the class blog. (If you are not on Marvellous Me please ask for them). There is a 'Beat That' challenge each week to check that the children are improving.
- From time to time there may be other activities sent home to reinforce our work in class and if your child is receiving extra support, they may be asked to complete tasks and challenges as part of a specialised programme

Optional Homework

- Curriculum Projects
The children will be encouraged to complete a project that ties in with the class topic. There will be 5 suggested activities and the children will be able to choose which they would like to complete over the half term. Children will then bring their project in to showcase as part of the 'Share the Learning' event. There will be rewards for those who complete 3 of the activities to a good standard and extra effort/more activities completed will be rewarded even further!

Also:

- Work at home to complete more of the 100 List activities
- Take part in the Class Blog each week

What do I do if I have a problem or am concerned about something that has happened?

In the first instance, please make an appointment to see me or pastoral care teacher. If you still need help after that, you are welcome to make an appointment to see Mrs Rawson or Mr Abbott.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support. If you have anything that you wish to share, please come and see me and I will do all I can to help.

Kind regards.

Mrs J Larkin
Y6 Teacher