Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to a new school year. We hope that you had a lovely half-term.

This term, our theme is 'Visionary Victorians' and the Topic overview shows all the learning opportunities that your child will be given in school during the next few weeks. As part of this topic, we will be having a Victorian Experience Day on Monday 30th November – parents will be invited to school for a Victorian Topic afternoon. More details about this will be shared nearer the time.

Children are expected to read a minimum of four times a week at home using the reading book which matches their coloured band. Children will also bring home a reading for pleasure book from our school library. This may not be matched to their reading ability but is meant to be shared and enjoyed. They will also be taking home a reading record where you can write down how well they have read.

The children are also expected to work on their times tables recall every night. There is a national Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) in the summer for all Year 4 children so the earlier that your child can recall all their times tables quickly, the better! The expectation by the time of the MTC in Year 4 is that children need to recall each of their times tables within 6 seconds. Being able to recall all of the times tables facts up to 12x12 quickly will also make calculations in Years 5 and 6 easier.

The children will take home a dark red homework book near the start of each term for the children to choose some homework activities linked to our topic to complete. This homework needs to be completed by the end of each term and can be sent in using the learning done in the homework books or on media via Class Dojo – we would like children to complete at least two pieces of homework per term.

PE kits need to be bought into school and kept into school for the term. Here is a reminder of the school's PE kit expectations:

- A plain white T-shirt (a small/discrete logo is fine).
- Plain black shorts and/or black leggings/jogging bottoms for colder weather (again, a small logo is fine).
- Suitable trainers for PE (colour doesn't matter).
- A plain black sweatshirt for cold weather outdoor PE. The school jumper/cardigan can also be worn, and a small logo is fine.
- Hair bands must be provided from home – all long hair needs to be tied back for PE.
- No jewellery should be worn for PE. Earrings need to be removed or, where this is not possible, covered with tape.

We would like to stress the importance of punctuality and attendance in school – it is crucial that children don't miss out on important blocks of learning. The classroom doors open at 8:30am each day and the register begins at 8:35am.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak to us or send us a message on Class Dojo.

Thank you so much for your continued support,

Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Shurmer and Miss Wootten