

# Kingfishers Class Newsletter September 2017



## Victorians

Welcome back to a new term and welcome all new Kingfishers! This term our topic is Victorians. Our main themes will be: 'Magical, Marvellous Me', New Beginnings, Significant People in History and life for children in Victorian times.

- In Science we will be learning about animals and their offspring, living things and their habitat and the importance for humans of exercise and eating healthily.
- In Art we will be working on self-portraits and making our own harvest paintings.
- In Literacy we will be looking at some traditional tales including Cinderella and Jack and the Beanstalk, and be writing for different genres such as letters and diaries. We will later be writing our own versions of a traditional tale. We will be practising our common exception word spellings and handwriting. Later in the term we will be looking at some narrative texts set in Victorian times such as 'Oliver', 'The Water Babies' and 'Charlie the Chimney Sweep'.
- In Maths we will be practising counting, sorting, place value, addition and subtraction, problem solving and reasoning.
- In History we will be learning about some important people from the past including Florence Nightingale and Queen Victoria and making comparisons between a child's life now and in Victorian times.
- In PSHE we will be focussing on new beginnings and the importance of rules, fairness and kindness.
- In RE we will be celebrating harvest through focussing on the bible stories such as the Story of Ruth and The Lost Son.
- In PE we will be focussing on balance, travelling safely, team working skills and playing safely.
- In Music we will be learning about pace, pitch and rhythm as well as playing tuned instruments musically. We will also be learning lots of new seasonal songs for Harvest and later Christmas!
- In Computing we will be learning about staying safe online, how to log in and use word.

### Fitbits

The class are lucky to have been purchased three Fitbits from the Health Fund. The children will take turns taking them home for "2 sleeps" or over the weekend. They will need to wear them to record the steps they take in one day. When they return we will upload their data in class and record the highest number of steps in one day that they managed to achieve. It should be possible for each child to have the fitbits at least every other term. When it is their turn please take care of them and do not wear them in the bath!

### Important things to remember

P.E is on Wednesdays (Games Skills with Mark Potter) and Fridays (Dance and Gymnastics with Class Teacher). Please make sure children have a PE kit in school.

All children need a water bottle in school every day.

### Trip

There is a Victorian themed trip on 2<sup>nd</sup> October to Michelham Priory. A separate letter with full details will follow soon.

Mrs Vernon