

Team Wiltshire

Welcome back to the Spring 1 half term!

We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. During the Autumn term the children made a fantastic start to Year 6. Throughout the Spring term it is vital that the children build upon their understanding and attending school every day along with engaging in our initiatives such as GoRead, Spelling Shed and Times Table Rockstars. This will really support your child's progress as we prepare for our exams during May.

During November and December our topic was "What was it like to live a Victorian life?" We experienced what life was like during the Victorian era by undertaking a Now Press Play experience, sampling Victorian food and reading stories such as "Street Child" to develop our understanding. We also used YouTube videos to see re-enactments of how workers were treated in Victorian factories! We discovered how the Industrial Revolution changed Nottingham's history and investigated how the Narrowmarsh area of Nottingham has changed since the Victorian era. We investigated inspirational people such as Doctor Thomas John Barnardo who devoted his life to helping Victorian children.



Our topic this half term will be "What will you do in a mad science lab?" The children will be investigating significant scientists and their discoveries. Year 6 will also be experiencing how life has changed because of science. We will be planning and undertaking experiments, designing and making our own lava lamps along with creating stories about what could happen in a science laboratory!

This topic has great opportunities for the children to discover, create, and learn whilst having fun!



Throughout the term we will be working hard to support the children with their learning and focusing on overcoming challenges which the children encounter. We will be teaching using our "Core Skills" approach. During each week, an adult will listen to your child read and they are strongly encouraged to continue to read at home daily, record this using Go-Read and to practise their times tables using Times Table Rockstars along with spellings using Spelling Shed. In addition, the children have been set weekly Spelling Shed and Times Tables Rockstars activities. A letter containing their log in details to access Times Table Rockstars and Spelling Shed will be provided.

As a team, we will be working hard to make sure your child can achieve their full potential. If you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see us.



Mr Straw, Mrs Woolley and Miss Tattersall