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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2 and the lead up to Christmas!

Our current topic in Year Six is: The Victorians. Our key question is: How did children face adversity? focusing on these key aspects: The monarchy, key inventors/ inventions, child poverty (the workhouses) and looking at Dr Barnardo and linking his work with the current charity event: Children in Need.

In English, we will be reading the book: Street Child by Berlie Doherty. This is a great classic novel about a Victorian orphan whose plight inspired Doctor Barnardo to set up his famous charity- linking nicely to our current topic. We will be writing a first-person account, a recount of an event and a narrative. During our guided reading sessions, we will be continuing to develop our retrieval, inference and deduction skills.

In Maths, we are mainly focusing on fractions this term, as well as square numbers, multiples and factors. Children should continue to use TTRockstars to practice their times tables, as these will help improve their pace during our maths lessons. We will be continuing to develop our reasoning skills, consistently asking the children to explain the method they have used, or provide evidence for their answer.

In Science, we will be learning about electricity- linking this into our Victorian topic- the birth of electricity. The key learning will be to compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and to use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram.

This term, PE is on Tuesdays and Fridays. Tuesday's session is Yoga -led by an instructor. Please ensure your child is wearing their full named PE kits to school on those days (including trainers or plimsolls). If your child has pierced ears, please can they either not wear their earrings to school on the days of P.E or be able to take them out as we are unable to allow the children to wear any jewellery.

Homework will continue to be set on Fridays to be completed by the following Tuesday. It will usually be an online My Maths task. For this term, please see seesaw for the spellings the children will need to focus on. There is also a homework grid about the Victorians. The children can choose 1 or 2 projects to complete. A photograph could be used as evidence of the work, or it could be brought in, or uploaded onto Seesaw.

If you have any queries, please do contact me.

Yours sincerely,
Miss N Knight
Year Six Class Teacher.