

## Year 5 Newsletter

Hello parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful break and a very good new year. On behalf of myself, Mrs Newington, Mrs Sallnow and Mrs Preston-Plunkett, I would like to thank you for the kind gifts you gave us for Christmas.

We have started our new topics this week and the children have been working extremely hard, starting the new term with enthusiasm!

In English this week we have started our new book, which is called the 'Street Child'. It is set in Victorian London and it is about a boy called Jim Jarvis. The children have written a prediction of what they think will happen in the story, a setting description of their home and they have portrayed a character's feelings using drama.

In Maths, the children have been working on the four operations. We have solved word problems with 1 or 2 steps, solved long multiplication calculations, used division to solve word problems and then round remainders and we have been counting forwards and backwards using negative numbers.

In topic, the children have been researching and completing a timeline on key events that happened during the Victorian era. If the children would like to do their own research on the topic, the website below has plenty of information on it.

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/victorian\\_britain/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/victorian_britain/)

In Science, the children have been learning about the order of the planets. They came up with their own mnemonic devices to help their understanding, some of them are fantastic! We also completed a table to see how big each planet is, the distance from the sun and an interesting fact about each one.

For home learning, I would like the children to continue to draw the moon each night, to see its different stages and for them to complete a maths sheet on the written method for addition and subtraction. This should be completed by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Best wishes

Mr Deakin