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BE KIND, BE CURIOUS, BE YOU!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely Half Term break. We are really looking forward to welcoming the children back for the second part of the spring term.

Let's hop on a steam train and travel back in time to the Victorian era!

During this half term, children will be learning about life in Victorian times developing their knowledge about Victorian culture, including significant people and inventions of the time. How things have changed! We'll discover what happened during the Industrial Revolution and learn about significant inventions. Children will discover a time when great minds thought new thoughts and ingenious inventors created so many things that we take for granted today: the electric light bulb, the telephone and the first flushing toilet.

We will be continuing our novel study 'Pig Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman. It shows the life of a teenage boy Cameron, and all he wants is a 'normal' life - friends, swimming, school, family. But his life is far from normal. Not every thirteen-year-old desperately needs a new heart because theirs doesn't work properly. Finally, one doctor offers hope. He gets the opportunity to get a new heart but it's not a human heart, it's a pig heart. Cameron could - if he and his parents agree - take part in a radical and controversial procedure involving the transplant of a pig's heart into his human body. It's risky. And it's never been done before . . . While Cameron comes to terms with the idea, he finds the world around him is much less accepting.

In **Science**, the children will continue to learn about reproduction and aging, particularly focusing on the stages of the human life cycle in depth. They will explore human growth and development to old age, including the changes experienced during puberty and human reproduction.

In **Art**, children will be learning about the genre of land art. Children will work outdoors to sketch natural forms and explore the sculptural potential of natural materials before working collaboratively to create land art installations.

In **R.E**, the children will be learning about Christianity. The big question being, '**What do Christians believe about the death of Jesus?**' Children will revisit previous learning of the Easter story and identify key beliefs held by Christians regarding His death. Children will have the opportunity to discuss the significance and impact of Jesus' death on Christian practices and worship.

In **Computing** this term our topic is an introduction to vector graphics. Following the National Centre for Computing Education scheme the unit gives learners the opportunity to start to create vector drawings using different tools to help them create images.

In **Music** this term we will be exploring old school hip hop and comparing it to our previous term's topic of ballads. The children will have the opportunity to listen to several different hip hop songs and then appraise them and we will be learning The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air!

HOMEWORK:

Homework will continue to be daily, set on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. We endeavour to mark the following morning; however, sometimes (due to lessons overrunning) we may end up marking everything at the end of the week. Spellings will take place in class and will not be sent home for learning as we have previously done.

READING:

As always, **daily reading** is an essential part of any child's learning, not only will it develop their language, thus improving their writing, but also it supports children's knowledge and development of punctuation. 15-20 minutes a day is sufficient and perhaps encouraging your children to read as part of their night-time routine would guarantee consistent reading.

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PE:

P.E will be on a Friday afternoon at Charlbury Sports Hall. Children should come to school dressed for sports on a Friday.

CONTACT:

Mrs Merry works Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs Willans works Thursday and Friday.

We are always happy to help should you need us.