



## Year 5 and 6 Spring 1 Newsletter



Welcome back! We hope you had a good time over the Christmas break and you're ready for the challenges of this term in Year 5 and 6!

The staff working with Year 5 and 6 this school year are Mrs Price, Miss Langley, Miss Townend, Mrs Willis, Miss Horsfall, Mrs Mountain and Mrs Kinnear. If you have any questions or problems, please don't hesitate to speak with us. We appreciate your continued support and hard work now more than ever through these unprecedented times.

Our key question for our topic this term is 'How did the Victorian period help to shape the Sharlston we know today?'



Through this work, children will develop knowledge, skills and understanding in relation to Sharlston's History and how it was influenced by the Victorian Era and its mining heritage. They will have multiple cross-curricular opportunities to explore this topic including:

- Creating artwork focusing on the artist William Morris
- Comparing present day Sharlston with the area during the Victorian Period
- Working as a historian to interpret historical sources
- Researching mining and the impact of the miners' strike on Sharlston



### Working on Teams

A daily timetable will be posted on the general channel of the class Teams page every day to outline the schedule for the day's learning.

We have our daily Meet & Greet at 9am. This enables us to discuss the previous day's lessons and respond to any questions. We can then talk through the expectations for the day's learning and clarify the children's understanding before they embark on their lessons

If possible, once your child has completed the day's learning, please can they upload their work onto assignments in order for staff to respond, provide feedback and provide additional support if necessary. If you are unable to upload the work via Teams, please continue to email work into the class teacher:

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Our science topics this term are 'Light' and 'Electricity'.



The children will be learning about:

- how light travels including reflection and refraction
- circuit symbols and circuit types
- how the components in a circuit function



The topics will provide opportunities to work scientifically, whilst also linking to our current key questions 'How can a coal miner see down a coal mine?' and 'How does electricity help the miners?'



If your child has a key worker place and is attending school, their PE days are **Monday** and **Thursday**. Children will need to and come to school dressed in their outdoor PE kits.



## Other home learning expectations



All staff at Sharlston Community School understand the challenges of supporting your children with home learning and appreciate the hard work you are putting in at the moment to ensure your child is online and taking part in remote learning on a daily basis. We also ask that your child is still meeting the minimum expectation of reading 5 times a week and regularly access Accelerated Reader via the school website to complete tests, once they have finished reading their book. Myon also offers a range of online reading materials which children can access from home. Resources such as TT Rockstars are also available to help your child improve their speed and recall of times table and division facts, which is essential knowledge for children in Years 5 & 6 to support their progress in the Maths curriculum.