



Upper Beeding Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Spring Term 2025 – Years 5 and 6

Our theme this term is 'The Vile Victorians', a topic which the children and staff alike really enjoy investigating. We have attached a topic plan so that you can see some of the key activities and learning journeys the children will be covering. If you are able to support in any way please let your child's class teacher know.

Reminder about our Victorian Day

To really get our topic off to a flying start we will be engaging the children in a 'Victorian School Day Experience'. On **Monday 20th January** the children will be time-warped back to the Victorian period and spend a morning in a Victorian classroom, experiencing a Victorian timetable. To enhance this experience even further we ask that your child arrives at school in the morning dressed as a Victorian child. We have provided a few ideas to help with selecting appropriate clothes:



Boys: cap, jacket, ¾ length trousers, white shirt, waistcoat

Girls: simple dress, mob hat, waistcoat, pinafore

There may be some Victorian style outfits available in our costume store – please ask in the school office from 13th January.

Trips and Visits

As part of our topic this term, we are planning to take the children to visit Preston Manor. Children will experience the life of a Victorian servant. Your child may wish to recycle their Victorian outfit from our Victorian Day for this experience! More details will follow nearer the time.

Class Assemblies

Each class will perform **only one** Class Assembly this academic year. If you would like to see your child taking part in their class assembly, the dates for assemblies this term are as follows:

USA CLASS (Mr Jones) – Monday 3rd March (2:45 – 3:10pm)

BRAZIL CLASS (Mr Long) – Monday 10th March (2:45-3:10pm)



PE

It is very important that the children have the correct PE kit in school so that they can fully participate in these lessons. Children are expected to wear: a house coloured t-shirt, shorts (navy or black) and trainers. As we will be doing Games lessons outside, when the weather is colder, children should bring in a tracksuit to wear. Children are not allowed to wear vest tops, football shirts or school polo shirts for PE lessons.



Please ensure that your child's kit is named.

Earrings should be removed for PE and Games. If ears are newly pierced, earrings should be covered with micro-pore tape provided by you. Long hair must be tied back. All children will be expected to participate in sessions unless a note has been provided by a parent or carer explaining their exclusion.

PE Days

BRAZIL CLASS (Mr Long) – Thursday and Fridays (Friday swimming – last session 28th February)

MEXICO CLASS (Miss Underdown) – Wednesday and Fridays

USA CLASS (Mr Jones) – Thursday and Fridays

Please make sure children have full PE kit in school on these days – if any Brazil children are unable to swim, they will join another 5/6 class for PE so will need kit.

Homework

The 'Victorians' homework grid will be sent home. The grid is intended to give the children more independence and choice as to what they would like to do to extend their own learning. Your child will select a task to complete every two weeks, over the term.

Pupils will also receive a mathematics task from their teacher each week and a grammar activity. Each piece of homework should take **up to** 45 minutes.

Your child will bring home a spelling list each week.

The handing in dates for homework are as follows:

- **Grammar homework is set on Fridays and is due in the following Wednesday.**
- **Maths homework is set on Fridays and is due in the following Wednesday, as well as practising their times tables.**
- **In addition to this homework, children are expected to read on a regular basis.**



If your child is unable to complete a task in the time allocated or is unable to hand the work in on the set date, please let the class teacher know.

Healthy Lunchboxes



As part of our aim to provide our children with healthy lifestyles, we would like to remind you that your child should be provided with a balanced packed lunch if they do not have hot meals. If your child would like a snack at break time, please can you ensure that they bring a piece of fruit or vegetables such as apples and carrot sticks.

Please **do not** send your child to school with **nuts, peanut butter, Nutella spread, or products containing nuts and sesame** as we do have children in the school who are severely allergic to such items.

Water Bottles

Your child should bring a **water** bottle for drinking water in class – these should not be used for drinking squash or fruit juice. We would ask that your child fills their bottle up at home in the morning and your child should take their bottle home at the end of each school day for cleaning.

Pencil Cases

Each pupil should bring in a pencil case for their pens and pencils so that they are ready to learn with very little disruption wherever they are. It is also useful to have coloured pencils, a rubber, pencil sharpener and a glue stick. Please do not send felt-tips. Please ensure that your child's pencil case is of a suitable size so that it fits easily in their drawer.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Jones, Miss Underdown and Mr Long

