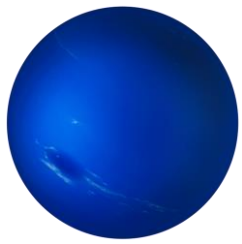




# Neptune News



## What we are learning...

We will be finishing our learning on the Industrial Revolution by investigating the work of Dr Barnardo and Lord Shaftsbury, thinking about the impact their actions had on children living in poverty, in Victorian England. Our geography learning will involve us looking at the development of human environments in North America, thinking about the impact industrialisation has had on different parts of the continent.

**Science:** This half term, our science topic is *Living Things and their Habitats*. We will be finding out how living things are classified and looking at the work of the scientists, Carl Linnaeus and Marjory Stoneman Douglas.

**Maths:** We started our fractions topic just before half term, and this new learning continues for most of this term. We will be investigating how to add, subtract, multiple and divide fractions, before moving on to finding fractions of an amount.

**English:** We are approaching the end of our class book, *Cogheart*, and will then be reading *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty. This is a historical story about a Victorian child who escapes the workhouse in 1860's London and his desperate battle for survival. Our writing will include a formal letter to our MP about a current issue, as part of UK Parliament Week, and a diary entry, in character as Scrooge. Bah humbug!

It has been lovely to see the class back in school this week, refreshed and ready to get going. We are really looking forward to this half term, which will be full of great learning and exciting Christmas preparation!

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries or questions at:  
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Our Christian values this term are Thankfulness and Respect.

### Dates for your diary...

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November: Anti-bullying workshop as part of anti-bullying week.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November: Wear blue for Water Aid

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

## Messages...

Children need to continue to come to school in their outdoor P.E. kit every Wednesday.

Good times tables knowledge has proved to be so important in our fractions learning, and those children who have spent lots of time practising them have found the new learning easier to grasp. Please do encourage your child to keep working on their multiplication and division facts, as it really does impact on their maths learning when they are not able to remember them.

Just a reminder that this term's spellings are on our class page on the website. Children are tested on them every Monday. We have been so impressed with how hard some children have worked on them and it has made a big difference to their writing.

Finally, please ensure your child reads daily, for at least 10 minutes. This is the number one thing they can do to improve all areas of their learning.