



# Victory Primary School Newsletter



## New Beginnings!



### A lovely start to the new school year.....

As I have already mentioned in my letter to you all, our school year has begun in a very calm and purposeful manner. Children have a positive attitude to their learning, and know that challenges will come and go, but as long as they use their DR P, even the most difficult challenge can be overcome!

All teachers have created curiosity and interest by introducing this half term through 'entry point' activities, below are just a few lovely entry point activities.....

### Sapphire Class - PHSE

Sapphire Class started the year by learning about Values. We discussed where our values come from and how they can help us be successful. We created a set of values that will help us reach our goals this year. These values include:-

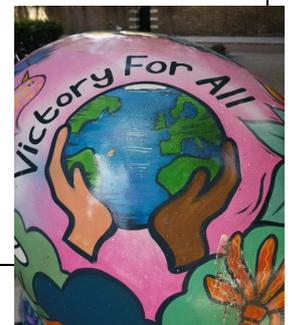
- Respect
- Courage
- Responsibility
- Friendship
- Dr.P

(Determination, Resilience, Perseverance)  
(Determination)



### Sapphire Class - Art Project...

Just before the summer holidays, Miss Cottis and the Art group took part in a community project to celebrate Elmer the Elephant's 30th Birthday! The children each designed an animal or a bird and worked with an artist to create an exciting background. The results are fantastic and can be found near the KS2 gate. Victory's Elephant is one of 10 which are located in the Elephant Park area. For more information and where to find them all, visit [www.elephantpark.co.uk/elmer/](http://www.elephantpark.co.uk/elmer/). Have fun!!



### Emerald Class - The Roman Empire..

For our entry point activity we looked at a Roman soldier; first we spoke about what they looked like and why they wore armour. After, we used some water paints to make our own version of a Roman soldier. Our homework task was to independently research a fact about 'What the Romans did for Britain'. Soon, we will have another homework task: to create a shield for a display and maybe even a competition for the best one!! Stay tuned...

Hidaya said, "I like my Roman soldier, because I used detail on his face and the shield. I am looking forward to finding out more about them!"

Rezija expressed, "I felt excited to draw a soldier. I found out that Romans gave us the calendar, which we use today."

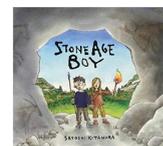
Zephaniah commented, "I like my Roman soldier picture, because I think it's unique and different to the others. The Romans taught us many things."

Zubair explained, "I felt happy when I was painting my Roman soldier and I had fun."



### Diamond Class- Stone Ages...

We have been learning about the Stone Ages. We read a story called "Stone Age Boy". We then did freeze frames (role play), which included some children pretending they were hunting an animal and some children pretending they were sat around a camp fire.



### Keeping our children safe .....

Safeguarding is an important responsibility we all share. To help parents/carers stay informed, our school website now has an information leaflet for parents/carers called 'Protecting Children in Education Settings'. This can be found in the parents section. In addition to this, please see below some tips about how you can also keep your child safe online.

3 tips for online protection.....

Tip 1: Find out what your child spends their time doing online and do it together. Ask them to show you their favourite websites, apps or games, talk to them about how they work, why they enjoy them, and play or try them together.

Tip 2: Set boundaries on gadget use. Agree with your child how often they can use their devices each day and where they can use them, and keep an eye on them to ensure they stick to it. Organise some activities that get them out and about that don't involve technology.

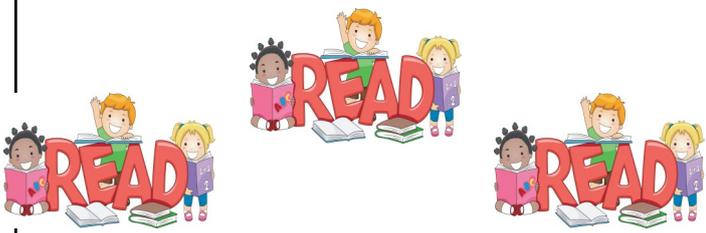
Tip 3: Make sure your child's devices have parental controls activated and their social network privacy settings are locked down.

More information can be found on the website:  
[www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)



### Help us to help your child....Reading with your child at school.....

Practice makes perfect! So the question is, are you encouraging your child to 'practise' their learning at home by encouraging them to complete their home work properly and return it back to school on the date it is due? For many of you the answer is clearly 'yes', but we would like every parent/carer in our school to be able to answer 'yes'. So for this school year, I would like parents/carers to set themselves a challenge, read with your child at least 3 times a week and make sure they complete and return their homework every week. In the meantime, remember practise makes perfect!



### School Uniform...

Our school uniform shows that we are proud members of our school. Please can you ensure that your child is always wearing the correct school uniform. I appreciate that sometimes there has been a delay in some parents receiving their orders, but our Office Manager has been assured that our uniform shop does have our uniform in stock. I will be doing a school uniform check, so please do not let your child down by allowing them to wear incorrect uniform!

### Class trips .....

As with previous years, our children are given lots of opportunities to extend their learning beyond our school. This term every class will be going on a class trip, these include museums, beautiful gardens and local adventures. If you are able to accompany your child's class trip or year 3 to their swimming lesson, please speak to your child's class teacher.



### PTA.....

Our first PTA meeting for this year will be on **11.10.19 at 9.15am**. Every parent/carer is invited. This will be an opportunity for you to play a positive role in the school community and discuss what our school and the PTA plan to achieve for the rest of the school year.

### Parents/carers workshops....

We have already had our first parents'/carers' workshop on how you can support your child at home with writing. 70% of parents/carers who attended the reading workshop, agreed / strongly agreed that they found the workshop useful and they have learnt something new! Thank you for your support, I am sure that your greater understanding will be a great benefit to your child's learning. Our next workshop will be on supporting children at home with maths, more information to follow.



### Amber Class - Explores...

Amber Class, have been learning about Matthew Henson who was born on August 8th, 1866 in Nanjemoy, Maryland. In 1909, he was part of an expedition to Greenland led by Robert Peary on. After days of traveling, they reached the North Pole, making Matthew Henson the first African American to have reached the North Pole.

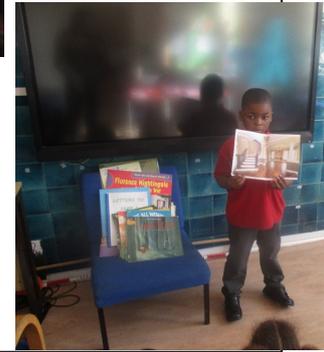
In Ariella's opinion "Matthew Henson was a good explorer. He was a brave man because he travelled to the North Pole. He tried and tired because he didn't want to give up."

Amber Class still has a lot to investigate about the Arctic and Antarctic, so in the next edition of Victory Primary School Newsletter, we hope to publish our newspaper reports on the lost Arctic explorer.



### Ruby Class...

As part of Year 1's topic 'Our Safe Space' the class presented some pictures of different homes from around the world. We discussed these and the children were able to ask questions about these houses, as we will be learning about materials and different homes throughout this half term. This was a great speaking and listening opportunity and it encouraged children to talk about their heritage.



### Topaz Class - Rivers...

Year 6 began the term learning about rivers. We listened to some river sounds and looked at different rivers from around the world. We wrote about what we saw, how it made us feel and talked about what emotions the sounds and pictures evoked. We used this discussion to write our own river poems, based on 'The River' written by Valerie Bloom. Below is one of our poems....

#### The River

The River's an athlete,  
Fast and strong,  
Sprinting across the golden line  
It doesn't take him long.

The River's a roamer,  
He travels all day long  
He meanders through the twists and turns,  
As he sings a little song.

The River's a mysterious book,  
Interesting and page turning,  
Walk along it more,  
And you'll be learning.

The River's a puzzle,  
He's the hardest one,  
Try can try and solve it,  
But you'll never be done.

The River's a garbage bin,  
He sucks up all your dirt  
Picking up after you,  
Watch out you could be hurt.

By Florence

### Dates for your diary.....

**Black History Month Exhibition**  
1.11.19 at 2pm  
(more information to follow)

**Class assemblies**  
All class assemblies start at 10.30am

4th October 2019 - Emerald class (Y4 )  
11th October 2019 - Amber class (Y2)  
18th October 2019 - Ruby class (Y3)  
30th October 2019 - Gold and Silver class (EYFS)  
8th November 2019 - Ruby class (Yr1)

**PTA Meeting**  
**11.10.19 at 9.15am.**  
Every parent/carer is invited to discuss fun events for this academic year and other fund raising ideas!

**Uniform Check week**  
Week beginning 30th September 2019

