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RE: Year 5 Victorian Day Workshop

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are writing to you to inform you that we are planning a school workshop based around our Autumn topic of Mary Seacole and the Victorians on **Thursday 27th November 2025**.

The children will be visited by the Drama Hut Theatre Company who will providing a workshop called 'Victorian Workshop'. The workshop will allow our pupils to travel back in time and meet Sara Louise Elmslie (Syrie), wife of Dr Thomas Barnardo, who founded the first 'Ragged School' in London.

During this workshop, the children will:

- Experience Victorian schooling
- Through improvisation and role play, explore life and work by the Thames River including 'Mudlarking'
- Visit a workhouse run by the intimidating 'Mr Bumble'
- Look at Crime and Punishment, in particular relating to children during Victorian Times
- Discover how Victorian England was transformed through innovation and The Industrial Revolution and take part in 'The Great Exhibition of 1851' with special guest Queen Victoria herself!

The workshop will take place in school during the school day. To coincide with the workshop Year 5 will spend the day living like Victorians and completing different task and activities that Victorian children would also have completed.

To enable us to provide this workshop, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£7.50** towards the cost. **Please pay via parent pay by Friday 7th November 2025** as this will allow us to ensure we have sufficient funds for this experience. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

On this day, we ask that the **children dress up like a Victorian to enhance their experience**. Please do not feel you have to buy anything new, be creative and use items of clothing that you already have at home.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Nikanova and Miss Murray



