

During any additional time away from school, we would recommend the children have a go at completing some or all of the following suggested activities.

- We are sending home a pack of learning activities, which should build on the current learning.
- We are also sending details of your child's MyMaths and Bug Club logins. There are lots of activities to do on both these sites.

- During this half term's History topic we will be studying the **Great Sheffield Flood** which happened the night of 11th March 1864. Three million cubic metres of water swept down from the failed Dale Dyke Dam through Loxley, Malin Bridge and Hillsborough. Two hundred and forty people lost their life and over 600 hundred homes were damaged or destroyed.

- We will investigate the event from a number of different angles including social impact, eyewitness accounts, news reports, timelines of events and the compensation claim process.
- **Useful Resources**
- Victorian research - websites
- www.primaryhomeworkhelp
- Dkfindout Victorians.
- Extra ideas....

- ***Drawing** Victorians loved drawing and the teacher would often bring a flower or an insect or some other natural object into the classroom. The children would then draw the object, usually with a simple pen and ink or pencil sketch. This might be combined with a nature study activity.*

- ***Nature study** A common activity for Victorian children, possibly more so in rural areas, involved looking for natural objects, creatures, and so on. This does not need to be complicated, and many items can be found without leaving the house surroundings. Think of different types of leaves, interesting stones or pebbles, small plants.*

- ***Make a Scrap Album** Print out small pictures from the Internet and then assemble them into a scrap book. Scrap album making was a very Victorian activity, and would have been enjoyed by every child.*

- **Play some Victorian Parlour Games** All Victorian children would have played party games and these are enjoyed by modern children as well.
- **Bake a Victoria Sponge Cake** The [Victoria sponge cake](#) was named after Queen Victoria, who liked a slice of this delicious sponge cake with her afternoon tea.
- **Prepare a Piece** All Victorian children would have a party piece, that they could perform or say when required. This might be a poem, a verse or so of scripture, some musical item they could play, or something they could sing.
- **Read a poem** On a similar line, the children could read a narrative poem, taking turns with the verses. Poetry was used as a means of communicating information to the masses in the Victorian era. Try [The Wreck of the Hesperus](#) by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow or [The Charge of the Light Brigade](#) by Alfred, Lord Tennyson (about the Crimean War). For a "bad" poem try [The Tay Bridge Disaster](#) by William McGonagall.

Have fun and looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

Take care
The Y5 Team