



## Year 5 Monthly Updates

Welcome to our monthly class update, this newsletter will give you an additional overview of what our pupils have been learning in June and July.

Please use this information to encourage your child to remember more by talking about their learning at home.

In History, children have enjoyed exploring how life in Coseley has changed over time—from the Industrial Revolution to the present day. Pupils researched roles such as nail makers, chain makers, miners, and child trappers. They discovered what these jobs involved, who did them (including children), and what working conditions were like. To help deepen their understanding, the children took part in role-play activities where they took the role as worker and were interviewed by their classmates.

In addition, children explored the Black Country Living Museum online to see what life was like during the Industrial Revolution. They looked at how workers' rights began to develop, how children were educated, what transport was like, and how homes and communities were different to today.

**Here is some of the new vocabulary we have been using: industrial, revolution, foundry, furnace, smelting, quarry, colliery, labour, conditions, reform, right**

In Science, children used growth charts to look at how babies develop during infancy and early childhood and discussed why growth is so rapid during those early years. They also explored the gestation periods of different animals and learned how this varies depending on species and size.

As part of learning, children took part in a puberty talk by the school nurse. This gave the children an opportunity to learn about the changes that happen to our bodies during puberty in a safe and supportive environment. The session helped answer children's questions and reinforced key messages about physical and emotional development.

**These are new words that we have been using in our science lessons: gestation, embryo, hormones, infancy, life cycle, puberty, reproduction**

*In RE this term*, children have completed their final topic of the year, all about Ramadan. They learnt about the importance of this holy month in the Islamic calendar, and how it is observed through prayer, fasting, reflection, and acts of charity. Children showed great interest and respect in their learning.

Finally, children have been working hard in Maths to divide decimal numbers. Children used concrete resources to help their understanding, however this is still something some children are trying to consolidate so please remember to complete any century nuggets.



## Reminders

Please remember to read with your child weekly and fill in their reading diaries. There has been a big improvement in spelling scores over the last few weeks. Please keep practising Year 5 and well done!

Please remember to complete homework with your child to support the work we are doing in school. 😊



