

Townlands C of E Primary Academy

"A journey of learning in the light of God's love"

Faith, Honesty, Love, Friendship, Forgiveness, Hope, Respect



"What shall we say the Kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade."

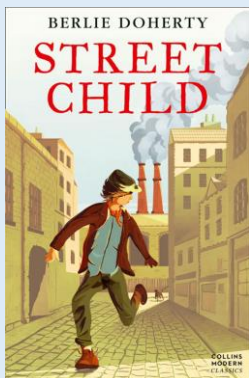
The parable of the Mustard seed- Mark 4:30-32

Year Five Summer 1 Term 2025 – First half term

Ms Lightfoot and Mr Linstead

Welcome back! We hope you all had a super Easter break. We are excited to have the children back in school and, despite a short term we have planned lots of brilliant learning! This term, we will be learning more about our local area, including how a census works and who has lived in our local area and what has changed over the last 100 years. In maths, we will be focusing on perimeter and area and position and direction. Securing and applying our knowledge from previous year groups, we will also develop our reasoning and problem-solving skills. Within English, we will be expanding our writing skills through the structure of letters, linked to our class book. Our guided reading will help to enhance our curriculum through a range of texts along with continuing in-depth comprehension. As part of the science National Curriculum, Year 5 will study animals, including humans. This will include a series of lessons on puberty and the changes that occur as humans develop from childhood to old age. Additionally, we will explore the gestation periods of various animals and compare them to those of humans. We will also learn about other aspects in the wider curriculum such as R.E (**Why do Hindus try to be good?**), art and D.T (**architecture**) and music (**musical theatre**).

Books we will be using to enhance our learning and love of reading.



Street Child by Berlie Doherty

Street Child, a novel by Berlie Doherty, tells the story of Jim Jarvis, an orphan in Victorian London, who, after escaping the workhouse, struggles to survive on the streets, facing hardship and cruelty before eventually being helped by Dr. Barnardo.



The Promise by Nicola Davies

On a mean street in a mean, broken city, a young girl tries to snatch an old woman's bag. But the frail old woman, holding on with the strength of heroes, says the thief can't have it without giving something in return: the promise. It is the beginning of a journey that will change the girl's life — and a chance to change the world, for good.

Homework:

Homework is set every Friday and is put onto Year 5 class page and is due in the following **Thursday**:

- The homework task will be grammar, math and spellings, with a project to be completed once every half term.
- Spellings are set weekly and tested on **Friday**.
- Reading – children need to be reading at least 5 times a week, reading log books are checked every Wednesday. Reading is essential to just about everything in life – from cooking to driving. It is important to start at a young age and to build the habit, there is so much pleasure to be found with reading.

PE:

One P.E session per week will be with our sports coach Mr Moon, whilst the second P.E session will be with the class teacher.

This will happen on **Monday & Thursday for both classes**. Children will arrive in their P.E. kit at school on these days appropriate for the weather. This needs to include an outdoor kit which is joggers, sweat shirt and trainers and indoor kit which is shorts and white t-shirt.

Health & Safety reminder: No jewellery to be worn during PE lessons; if earrings can't be removed, then they can be taped over.

Water:

In order to ensure children do not get thirsty throughout the day, we ask them to bring to school fresh **water** (not juice) each day in a labelled bottle. We thank you for your cooperation with this.

Keep looking at our pages on the website for information and activities. If you have any queries or questions at any time, then please feel free to talk to us. Also, if you have any books or want to research further the themes we are covering, then we would welcome this.

Finally, keep an eye on Townlands' Facebook feed for latest updates and successes.

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Key dates:

Friday 2nd May 2025 - Heath Lane to visit year 5

Tuesday 20th May 2025 – Parent book look

Wednesday 21st May 2025 - ASB Session

Thursday 12th June 2025 – Mary Arden's farm