



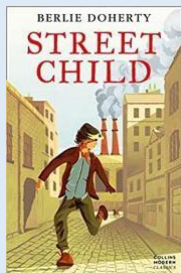
"What shall we say the Kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch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

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

Year Five Summer Term 2024 – Second half term

Teachers: Miss Wray and Mr Linstead

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely half term break and are ready for the last few weeks of your time in Year 5. We are excited to have the children back in school and this term looks to be great! This term, we will be carrying on with our theme 'The Victorians'. Queen Victoria's reign covered a period of political enlightenment with the suffragette movement and political reform. The Britain she left at the turn of the twentieth century was unrecognisable from the one she took over. We look forward to continuing this period of discovery! In maths, we will be converting and measuring units discovering size, volume and capacity, and continuing to develop our arithmetic skills. Securing and applying our knowledge from previous year groups, we will also develop our maths reasoning and problem-solving skills. Within Literacy, we will use focus texts to create character descriptions and writing instructions for a recipe for an authentic Victorian meal. Our guided reading will help to enhance our curriculum through a range of texts and continuing in-depth comprehension. During this term, we will also explore other aspects in the wider curriculum such as R.E (**Why do some people believe in God and some do not?**), art (**sculpture and form**) and music (**music from the romantic era**).



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

Street Child by Berlie Doherty

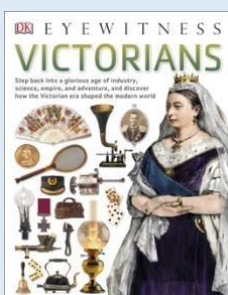
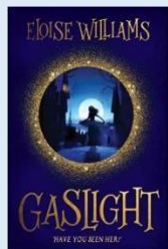
The unforgettable tale of an orphan in Victorian London, based on the boy whose plight inspired Dr Barnardo to found his famous children's homes. When his mother dies, Jim Jarvis is left all alone in London. He is sent to the workhouse but quickly escapes, choosing a hard life on the streets of the city over the confines of the workhouse walls. Struggling to survive, Jim finally finds some friends... only to be snatched away and made to work for the remorselessly cruel Grimy Nick, constantly guarded by his vicious dog, Snipe. Will Jim ever manage to be free?

Gaslight by Eloise Williams

All Nansi knows is that her mother disappeared on the day she was fished out of Cardiff docks. Now, with no other family to turn to, she works for Sid at the Empire Theatre, sometimes legally, sometimes thieving to order, trying to earn enough money to hire a detective to find her mother. Everything changes when Constance and Violet join the theatre, both with their own dark secrets.

Victorians by DK

This comprehensive visual guide for younger readers explores how the Industrial Revolution changed the world forever. Watch vast railway networks take shape, large-scale factories hard at work, and the nationwide move from farming communities to populated cities. Learn the differences between life upstairs and downstairs in the houses of Victorian England to decide whether you would have liked to grow up in this fascinating era.



Homework:

Homework is set every **Friday on the class page which you can access through the school website under Year 5 > Home Learning > Summer 2 > Weekly Homework** and is due in the following **Thursday**:

- The homework task will be grammar and maths, 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 Monday and children are rewarded by ticks if they exceed the school policy amount. 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:

P.E. will continue to be with our sports coach Mr Moon and Mr Linstead on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** for both classes. It is important that the children continue to come to school in their P.E. kit in school on these days. This needs to include an outdoor kit which is joggers, sweat shirt and trainers and indoor kit which is shorts and plain white t- shirt. Shorts can be worn for outdoor kit – weather dependent.

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



Water:

To ensure children do not get thirsty throughout the day, we ask children 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 page for latest updates and successes.

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Dates for Diary:

Friday June 7th – Family Quiz Night
Friday June 14th – Year 5 Victorian Day
Wednesday June 26th – Sports Day KS2 PM
Thursday June 27th – Year 5 Take-a-Peek Day – Heath Lane
Friday June 28th – School Colour Run