

# The Vile Victorians

## Year 5

This term we are studying the Vile Victorians.

It is a fantastic topic which allows us to examine the different lives of the rich and the poor during the Industrial Revolution. We will focus particularly on life for those who were sent to the workhouse and this will link to the book we are studying in English- Street Child by Berlie Doherty.

We will also be having a Victorian theme day in school- when schooling was a little different to now! We encourage all Year 5 staff and children to dress as Victorians for this day to help them gain the most from the experience. Finally, we will be visiting Southwell Workhouse and immersing ourselves in Victorian life.



**Get those hearts racing...**

In term 1, the children will be swimming on a **Wednesday** and taking part in PE on a **Thursday**. In term 2, the children will be taking part in PE on **Thursday** and **Friday**. Please ensure you have the correct kit in school everyday.



**Helping at home**

For our 'Take Care Homework' we would like the children to complete the compulsory reading task and three pieces of their own choice by **Monday 14th October**. We encourage the children to take pride in the production of these pieces of homework, so please support your child to organise their time and resources.



Our Christian value for this term is 'Creation and Creativity' and in term 2 we will be exploring 'Friendship and Fellowship'. As part of our Character Education, the children will be exploring the character trait 'motivation'. In RE we will be learning about how Hindus and Muslims reflect their faith in the way they live.

Children in Year 5 are expected to read **every night for 10 minutes or more**, as this supports their learning in so many ways. You can help by encouraging them and hearing them read as often as you can. Please remember to evidence their reading by signing their diary. Reading books should be in school every day.

**Extreme English!**

In English this term, we will be completing a text study on the children's book 'Street Child'. We will be writing diary recounts from the perspectives of two different characters in the workhouse. In term two, we will undertake narrative writing based on the illustrations for the text Way Home by Libby Hathorn.



**Dive Into Maths!**

This term will be focusing on number and place value including addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will end Term 2 exploring fractions less than and greater than 1.



**Can your child become a Times Table Rock Star?**

We are continuing with Times Table Rock Stars in school and are working hard to ensure that your children are given the best opportunity to reach 'Rock God' status (answering questions in less than one second) but you can help at home as well as rehearsing tables and practising online or on the app with Times Table Rock Stars.

<https://ttrockstars.com/login>



Our door is always open!

Should you have any worries, concerns or questions throughout the term, please feel free to catch us in the playground or make an appointment.



**Article 3:**

The best interests of the child is the most important consideration in all things that affect them.



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**Creation**

"God saw all that he had made and it was very good."

Genesis 1:31

