Workhouses & Wonders

Year 5 Terms 1 and 2 2025-2026

This term we are studying the Victorian era. It is a fantastic topic which allows us to examine the impact of the Industrial Revolution on life in Victorian Britain. 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! This day will help the children gain a thorough understanding of school life for Victorian boys and girls and the difficulties they faced daily. We will also be visiting Southwell Workhouse and immersing ourselves in Victorian life.



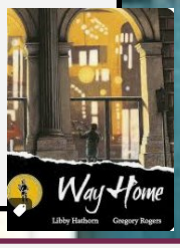
Our Christian values this term are 'Respect' linked with 'Reverence'. In Term 2, we focus on 'Peace'. In RE we will be learning about how Hindus and Muslims reflect their faith and beliefs in the way they live their lives.

Our Character Education Trait for this term will be Self Belief.

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 two different perspectives. In Term 2, we will undertake narrative writing based on the text Way Home by Libby Hathorn.





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 the children are given the best opportunity to reach 'Rock God' status (answering questions in less than 1 second) but you can help at home as well rehearsing tables and practising online or on the app with Times Table Rock Stars.

https://ttrockstars.com/login



Get those hearts racing...

PE days vary for 5G and 5D so please ensure you have the **correct kit in school everyday.**

5D—Swimming on **Wednesdays** in Term 1 and 2, and PE on **Tuesdays**..

5G—will have PE on **Mondays** and **Tuesdays.**



Helping at home

For our 'Take Care Homework' we would like the children to complete **at least four** challenges from a selection of topic related tasks. 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.

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 and questioning them and hearing them read as often as you can. Please remember to evidence their reading by filling out their reading diary or encouraging them to do this independently. **Reading books and diaries should be in school every day.**

Dive Into Maths!

This term will be focussing on number and place value including addition, subtraction. In Term 2 we will focus on multiplication, division and fractions.

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.



Respect and Reverence

"Only fear the LORD and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you."
1 Samuel 12:24

Article 28:
Every child has the right to an education.