

Year 5 Newsletter

Learning Challenge:

How have the Victorians influenced our lives today?

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your family enjoyed the Easter holidays. I am very much looking forward to teaching your child this term and helping them to be ready for year 6 next year. At the start of term, they will have received the 6-week Learning Challenge homework, to be completed and handed in before the half-term holidays. Every Friday, they will receive maths and English homework, along with spellings that they will be tested on the next week. These are due on the following Wednesday.

Thank you to those who I have already met and I look forward to the term ahead.

Ms Rek

Special Notices

Please ensure your child is at school at 8:55am in the correct school uniform. Lessons begin at 9am and children who are regularly coming in late are missing essential learning every day.

Values:

April: Unity

May: Happiness



Learning to love, loving to learn.

Summer 1 2019

Class Teacher: Ms Rek

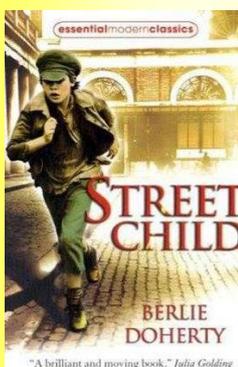
TA: Ms Kane

Ways to help your child at home:

- Discuss with your child the things that they have learned each day.
- Ensure all homework is completed and handed in on time.
- Encourage your child to read for at least 20 mins a day.
- Encourage your child to use Reading Eggs and Easimaths online.
- Read and discuss together the "Wednesday Word" every week.

Learning Challenge:

In English, we are reading the book 'Street Child', by Berlie Doherty, set in the 1960s. It is a story about a boy called Jim Jarvis, an orphan, who is forced to work and live in the workhouses. We will also be learning all about the Victorians in our challenge lessons, including inventions, workhouses, artists and music. We will also be going to the Victoria and Albert museum on Wednesday 22nd May.



May is the month of Mary

Children are encouraged to bring their Rosary beads into school, as a decade of the Rosary will be prayed everyday during the month of May, starting with the Joyful Mysteries.

Forthcoming events:

Year 5 trip to V&A museum – Wednesday 22nd May

Year 5 Class assembly: 18th June

Open Learning Challenge Event: Friday, 24th May at 3:30pm

The 'Million Word Gap' – the importance of a bedtime story or 5!

Did you know, young children whose parents read them 5 books a day at home enter school with **1.4 million MORE words** than children who have not been read to. This inevitably plays a large role in both vocabulary and reading development. Children who are read to at home are likely to pick up reading skills more quickly and easily.

The number of words child could hear by the time they are 5:

Never read to: 4,662 words

1-2 times a week: 63,570 words 5+ books a day: 1, 483,300 words

3-5 times a week: 169, 520 words

5+ books a day: 1, 483,300 words

Imagine the difference by the end of primary school at age 11.

For more info: <https://news.osu.edu/a-million-word-gap-for-children-who-arent-read-to-at-home/>