

**TERM 5 & 6 2025/2026**

**Year 1 Teacher:** Miss Kent **TAs:** Mrs Pillai and Mrs Thomas

**Topic for the Term**

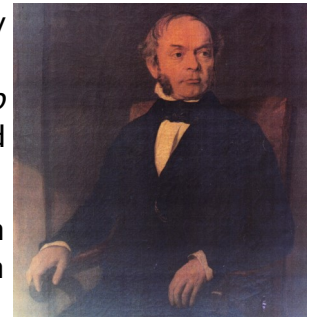
Our topic for the term is '*School Days*'. Children will be learning about the differences between schooling in the Victorian era and schooling today. They will learn about objects found in a Victorian classroom and how they were used. Children will learn about Samuel Wilderspin, an important figure in the development of schooling for young children in Victorian times, whose ideals are reflected in schooling today. Children will gain an understanding of the passage of time through the study of past, present and future tense vocabulary.



In English, children will be writing list poems about activities they do in school, a diary entry about life in a Victorian school, and a letter to the headteacher explaining how they will make a positive contribution to our school.

Our main book study will be '*Whiffy Wilson: The Wolf who Wouldn't go to School*' by Caryl Hart. We visit our **school library** on **Wednesday** and expect children to bring back their borrowed book.

In Maths, children will continue to develop their understanding of addition and subtraction within 50 using a range of strategies. They will also begin to develop their knowledge of counting in groups of 2s, 5s and 10s.



In Science, we will be exploring plants and animals; learning about the basic structure of animals and flowering plants. Children will learn to identify and name common wild and garden plants, and a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. Children will learn about how animals can be classified into herbivores, carnivores or omnivores.

**Educational Visits / Theme Days**

We will be immersing ourselves in a trip to the Kent Life Museum. During this trip, children will take part in a Victorian life workshop and further develop their understanding of Victorian school life. We will also have a Food Preparation Experience day in school linked to our DT topic '*Chop, Slice and Mash*'.

**Homework**

Please check the homework grid at the beginning of each term and please do ask if you have any questions regarding the tasks.

Please continue to read with your child **5 times a week** for about 10 minutes. Reading is a high priority and will support children with their phonics understanding. Please continue to practise phonic sounds as we have the Phonics Screening Check in June. Please encourage your child to complete the phonic booklet given out at parents evening.



**Uniform / PE Kit**

PE will take place every **Monday (Inside)** and **Friday (Outside)**. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit according to the school policy with suitable clothing according to the weather. Children need to wear their PE kits to school on the days that they have their lessons.