

History

Were the effects of the Industrial Revolution and the expansion of the British Empire mainly positive or mainly negative?

- Trade – including slavery
- Transport
- Inventions
- Empire

English

Son of the Circus

- Analyse the features of a newspaper article.
- Direct and reported speech.
- Relative clauses
- Write a newspaper article.

Design and write our own websites based on a circus using Google Sites.

PSHE

Safety and the changing body (linked to Science). Plus:

- First Aid – bleeding & head injuries
- Online friendships
- Making good decisions about legal and illegal substances.

Computing

- Online safety
- Designing and building a website

This half term our main topics of study are:



The Victorians



Animals including humans

Art:

William Morris

- Identify the style of the artist
- Design a tile
- Print a tile

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RE

What do we mean by salvation?

What do Christians believe they need rescuing from?

What was God's solution?

PE

Gymnastics
Cricket with
Blackheath Cricket
Club

Music

Victorian songs
Vocal compositions

Science

Animals including humans

- Human foetal Development
- Human milestones
- Physical changes in puberty
- Menstruation
- Emotional changes in puberty

Maths

Fractions

Times tables

Position and direction

Our curriculum is based on White Rose Maths.



French

Towns

Places and locations

Conversations

Directions



Spring 2 Newsletter 2026

Welcome to the Spring term in year 5!

We wanted to remind you of a few things you may need to know this term.

PE – Our PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday for 5VP, 5J and 5Q this term. Blackheath Cricket Club will be in school on Wednesdays this term, running specialist cricket lessons, these will be held on the field so it is imperative the children have suitable outdoor trainers to change into to avoid bringing mud back into the school. Children should come to school on PE days dressed ready for PE. We will always try to go out even in cold and damp weather so children will need appropriate clothing and footwear every week.

Forest school – There will be **no** forest school for 5VP and 5J this half term. However, 5Q will have 3 sessions (starting on Thursday 12th March) before Easter and one after Easter.

Homework – Homework will be set every Monday, and your child has a week to complete this and upload it to DB Primary. The children **do not** need to upload **and** bring it into school. We will share the tasks and expectations prior to it being set each week. Maths homework is set on Learning By Questions. Children have a QR code and log in details which should allow them to access their homework. Similar to the Writing homework, this is set on a Monday and children have a week to complete it. They should spend 30 minutes a week on this too.

Reading/ World Book Day – On Thursday 5th March we will be celebrating World Book Day, where your children are invited to dress up as a character from a book of their choice. Please see the information sent out for further information about this exciting day. For the remainder of the term, we will be focussing on developing vocabulary and understanding of characters in a text. It is essential for your child to read as often as possible, both to themselves and to an adult. During this time, please discuss the vocabulary and the characters with your child to further support their understanding. Children must continue to bring their reading records into school every day.

Rural Life Living Museum – As part of our learning about Victorians, we will be visiting the Rural Life Living Museum and participating in workshops on Monday 9th March. Please see the trip letter for information on what the children need to wear and bring.

General reminders – Please ensure your child has a spare set of trainers and a coat in school each day. Children must **only** wear hoodies on their **allocated PE days** (see above). It is also important that children are **not** wearing jewellery to school, other than stud earrings or items of religious significance. Children should have their Reading Records in school with them everyday.



Dates for your diary:

Class assemblies

5Q: Wednesday 4th March 9am

Parents Class Visit – Wednesday 4th March 3:20-4pm

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

Rural Life Living Museum – Monday 9th March

5Q Forest School: Thursdays 12th March to 23rd March (+ 1 after Easter)

Mufti Day – Friday 13th March (donations for Easter Hampers)

Parents Consultations – Monday 23rd March pm

Term end – Friday 27th March 1:10pm