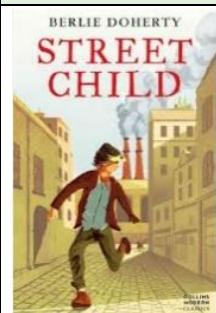




St John Fisher RC Primary School

Year Five Knowledge Organiser – Spring Term One – English Reading and Writing



Street Child by Berlie Doherty

Berlie Doherty is an English novelist, poet, playwright and screenwriter. She is best known for her children's books.

Plot:

Street Child tells the gripping story of Jim Jarvis, a poor orphan in Victorian London who, after his mother dies, escapes the harsh workhouse to survive on the streets, facing cruelty from figures like Grimy Nick but eventually finding kindness and inspiring Dr. Barnardo to found his children's homes, highlighting themes of poverty, resilience, and injustice.

Final Outcome – Narrative First Person

Retelling with innovation

Reason – to produce a story to read to class

Audience – classmates/children

Features – story sequence, setting, characters, conflict, point of view, figurative language

Tone – to create sympathy

Story Path: Plot Points	1. Introduction to the main character and setting.	2. Something unexpected happens and the character faces a problem.	3. Introduction to a new setting.	4. The characters takes action.
Themes	poverty historical culture	abandonment homelessness	orphaned child labour	escape freedom
Vocabulary	shilling triumph hearth	carriages infirmary slums	gloomy ladel broth dormitory	slinked darted tiptoed
Features	Imagery	Character Motivations	Imagery Paragraphs	Action/Reaction
Grammar	Expanded noun phrases Relative clauses	Speech/dialogue	Expanded noun phrases Emotive language	Relative clauses Adverbials of time and place Verbs/Adverbs