

Chestnut Class Years 5 and 6
Take Away Task - Spring 2020

Your task is to research the life of a child in the Workhouse and to present your findings in the form of a diary written by the child.

You will need to use a range of resources to help you collect as much information as possible about the life of a Workhouse child before you start writing your diary.



In order to make the accommodation and care of the poor more economical, in 1834 the Union Workhouse act was introduced. Orphaned and children of long term inmates were given basic education and training.

Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Find out about the treatment of poor children in the Workhouse.
- Why did poor children receive such treatment?
- What were the children fed in the Workhouse?
- Did Workhouse children work, play or receive an education?
- Were Workhouse children allowed to be with other family members in the same Workhouse?

When you have collected enough information start writing your diary!

If you need any help please ask. Enjoy!

I look forward to reading your diary, Mrs Tully.