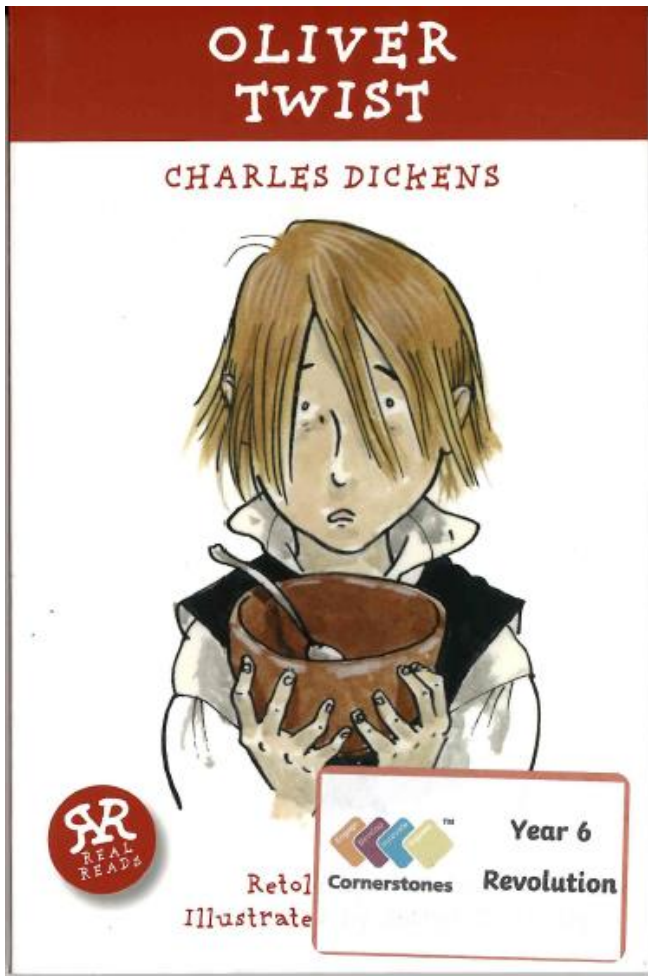


Thursday 7th

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English

Read pages 1 – 10 of Oliver Twist below, or click on the link on the school website to listen to the story.



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THE CHARACTERS



Oliver Twist
Oliver is an orphan. Is he strong enough to resist Fagin's attempts to make him a thief?

The Artful Dodger

Dodger is Fagin's favourite and very good at his job. Can Oliver trust this new friend?



Fagin
Fagin looks after orphaned boys, as long as they earn him money. Can he make himself rich by turning Oliver into a thief?

Mr Brownlow

Mr Brownlow is a respectable and warm-hearted old gentleman. Can his fondness for Oliver overcome distrust and doubt?



Bill Sikes

Sikes is a hardened criminal who works with Fagin. Can he control Nancy and still keep her love? Will he ruin Oliver?



Nancy

Nancy works for Fagin and loves Bill Sikes; she has a warm heart. Can she save Oliver?



Mrs Maylie

Mrs Maylie shows Oliver love and compassion. Is she strong enough to keep him safe from Fagin?





OLIVER TWIST

Oliver Twist didn't know who had named him. It wasn't his father, who had never seen him, and it certainly wasn't his mother, who died giving birth to him. It was probably someone in the cold, grey workhouse in which he lived with hundreds of other orphaned boys.

Life in the workhouse was cruel and hard, but the worst thing of all was the lack of food. At meal times, in the cavernous grey stone hall, the boys queued before the fat Master for their one ladleful of grey, watery gruel. Having returned to their hard benches, they would devour their gruel in seconds, licking their bowls and spoons so clean that washing up was never necessary. Still their stomachs rumbled.

They were terribly thin and always hungry. Not just peckish, really hungry. When they felt that they could bear it no longer, the orphans decided to take action. One of them must be

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brave enough to ask for more. The boy they chose was Oliver Twist.

The evening arrived. As the boys finished licking their spoons, the room became quiet but for the soft sound of two timid, terrified feet tapping to the front. Oliver looked up at the Master and held out his bowl.



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'Please, sir. I want some more.'

Silence.

The Master turned grey and whispered 'More?'

Then he turned from pale grey to crimson.

'MORE?' he bellowed, grabbing Oliver roughly. 'Mr Bumble, come quickly. This boy has asked for MORE!'

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Mr Bumble dragged Oliver in front of the owners of the orphanage. They decided that he was a dangerous influence, and they must get rid of him immediately.

So, Oliver was thrown from the only home he remembered and sent to work for a cruel family. The adults worked him hard and beat him, and the children bullied him. Unable to stand it any longer, Oliver ran away.



Oliver could think of only one place to go: London. For seven long and lonely days he trudged along the muddy road. He slept in ditches and had to beg for food. Weak with hunger and misery, and shivering with cold, Oliver eventually reached London, where he sank to the ground. What should he do now? He was completely without friends. Completely without hope.

'Got lodgings? Any food? Any money?'

Oliver heard a voice ask.

Once you have read the text, add information to describe the characters in the character notes grid below. You can add to this to include more detail about characters as we continue to read *Oliver Twist*.


Character Notes







As we are reading "Oliver Twist" add any facts or thoughts you have about the characters. Remember you can infer facts as well as retrieve them and they may change throughout the story. You can also add questions that you have about the characters and the way they behave.

Oliver Twist	The Artful Dodger	Fagin	Bill Sikes	Nancy

Use the text to answer the questions below.

Steps to Success

Lockdown	
Date	Thursday 7 th January
Subject/s	<u>English</u>
Learning Objective 	I can answer questions about a story

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Success Criteria 	I can use sentences to define new vocabulary		
	I can scan and skim for key words		
	I can use quotes to justify my inferences		
Support	Independent Adult Support () Group Work		
Retrieve 	1. Why did Oliver live in a workhouse? (2marks)		
Interpret 	2. What role do you think Mr Bumble plays in the workhouse? (2 marks)		
	3. What two words would you use to describe Oliver Twist? Explain why you have chosen them. (3 marks)		
Choice 	4. Do you think Oliver liked living with the Orphans? Why? (3marks)		
	5. Why did Oliver "Sink to the ground"? (1 mark)		