

Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn 2



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English



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Maths



Addition and Subtraction

Our next unit is addition and subtraction. We are learning to use the column methods to add and subtract four-digit numbers with and without exchanging. We will also be learning to estimate and use inverse operations to check our answers in a calculation.

Multiplication and Division

We will continue to develop our fluency of the multiplication and division facts. We will practise them in different orders and with a different game. Children all have their TTrackstars logins, so they can practise at home.



Theme



History

The children will then move on to History, in which the children will be learning all about Saltaire and Sir Titus Salt. The children will research and investigate into how and why Saltaire was created. Whilst they are learning about Sir Titus Salt's life, they will also compare and contrast the lives of poor and rich people during that period of time. The children will also reflect back on their visit to the mill to think about what life would have been like, using their knowledge of artefacts and objects they had seen.

Art

Apart of our Art lessons we will involve mixed media. We will be finding out about David Hockney and looking at his style of pop art. From this we will be creating our own art inspired by David Hockney. We will be using i-pads to create landscapes of our local area and creating portraits of important people in school.

Science

Our unit this term is sounds, we will be identifying how sounds are made and associating some of them with something vibrating. In addition to this, we will be finding patterns between the pitch and volume of a sound and features of the object that produced it. Along with this, we will be recognising that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases.

How can I help my child at home?

- Ask them what they are **learning about** in school.
- Make sure they have **equipment** to do their **learning at home**.
- Check your child is doing their **learning at home** and handing it in on THURSDAYS!
- **Listen to your child read** every night and talk to them about the book (this can be done in English or the home language) – use the questions in their reading records.
- Help them practice their **times tables**
- Help them learn their **spellings**.

Where can we go as a family to support my child's learning?

Talking at Home

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Upcoming trips / visits / visitors / theme days

Remembrance Parade – Sunday 12th November
Brighter futures week - Week commencing 4th December
Walking Bus Week – Week commencing 6th November
Children in Need – 17th November
Saltaire Visit - TBC
Autumn 2 half term ends – 15th December

E-safety reminders

1. Don't give anyone your password, name, address, the name of your school or any information about your family
2. Don't talk to strangers on the Internet
3. Don't agree to meet anyone in person that you've met online
4. Don't fill in a profile that asks for your name and address
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10. If you are talking to someone online and they make you uncomfortable, remember you don't have to talk back to them

Uniform reminders

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