



Year 2 Newsletter Summer 1

Welcome back to a new half term, we hope you had a fantastic break. We have been so impressed by all the hard work being done by the children in school. We are all very excited about the new term and hope to see all the children in school on time every day. This is very important so that the children do not miss any of their vital learning this half term.

English

We start this half term by looking at 3rd person narratives. We will be reading 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes and using this book as a stimulus to write our own chapter. We will continue to use expanded noun phrases and conjunctions to make our writing interesting to read. We will then end the term by looking at recounts. This unit will continue into Summer 2. Please continue to practise the spellings your child receives every week, which you can find from their 'Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check' sheets.

Reading Books

Please read with your child throughout the week and ask them questions about what they have read. It is important that your child understands what they are reading and finding the exact answers to questions in the text. When reading, please encourage your child to use their phonic skills to sound out unfamiliar words, as well as using the pictures to help them with their understanding. Please record in your child's reading record when you have listened to them read with any other comments you wish to make.

Maths

This half term we will be finishing our money topic. We will then move onto looking at fractions, finding $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$ of shapes, lengths, sets of objects and quantities. We will then move onto telling the time where we will be focusing on o' clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to the hour on an analogue clock. This unit will continue into Summer 2. We will also continue to focus on calculation skills and how to use these to solve problems. Please keep working with your child at home to make sure they know all their number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 instantly. Keep practising the 2, 5 and 10 x tables along with their corresponding division facts. We will continue to be counting in groups of 3's.

Science

We start this term by looking at materials in science where the children will identify a range of different materials and their properties. The children will investigate how materials can be changed and their suitability for being used to make different things.

History

In this unit we will be learning about a significant place in our own locality - Saltaire village. We will learn about the life of Sir Titus Salt and investigate why and how he created the village of Saltaire. We will compare the conditions of Bradford and Saltaire. This history unit will continue into Summer 2.



Geography

This unit will begin with the children investigating what physical and human features are. They will use this knowledge to identify these features in Saltaire. They will use maps and digital maps to locate and look at Saltaire. On their trip to Saltaire they will use a map and direct themselves around the village identifying the landmarks they have been finding out about. This Geography unit will continue into Summer 2.

P.E.

Our P.E. units this half term are Attack, Defend, Shoot and Hit, Catch, Run.

The Attack, Defend, Shoot unit involves working with others to build basic attacking play. During Hit, Catch, Run the children will be working on a variety of ways to score runs in different hit, catch, run games. They will also be developing their teamwork skills.

Please remember that **named** PE kits must be in school every Monday and need to be kept in school. We will be doing our P.E. lessons outside whenever possible, therefore the children will need suitable footwear and jogging bottoms.

P.E days are still on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.

Homework

Maths homework will be given out on a Wednesday and needs to be returned by Friday. English/Topic homework will be given out on a Friday to be returned by Monday. We are giving the children weekly spellings which they will practise daily in school. They will then bring these home on a Friday to practise over the weekend.

Useful Websites

Purple Mash - <https://www.purplemash.com/sch/pudsey-bolton>

Maths Games - <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

As always, thank you for your ongoing support from all the Year 2 team. Please come and see us if you have any questions.

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