

Class 5 Newsletter

Summer 1 2023

Dear parents,

I can't believe that we have reached the summer term already. Doesn't time fly?

This half term, we will start a new topic: 'How did Oldham help to Change the World?' Alongside this, we will focus on forces in Science.

PPA Cover

We will be supported by Mrs Jones every morning. Mrs Barlow will be covering all day, on Fridays, when I take my leadership time and Mrs Barlow will cover my PPA on Friday afternoons.

English

Mill Girl by Sue Reid



History Hackers: Victorian Venture

We will be reading Mill Girl by Sue Reid, and revisiting the genre of diary writing through this text. We will also develop and extend our persuasive writing skills through our historical writing to include writing formal letters in role. We will also be writing an historical adventure story.

Working towards targets

- basic sentence punctuation including exclamation marks, question marks, commas, apostrophes, commas for fronted adverbials and speech punctuation.

Expected targets

- use co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions
- use adverbials
- use a range of precise and varied sentence starters

- use relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that or with an implied relative pronoun.
- establish viewpoint as the writer through commenting on characters or events
- create atmosphere

Greater Depth targets

- use commas to mark phrases and clauses
- use dialogue effectively and punctuate it accurately
- use a semi colon to mark boundaries between independent clauses.
- use paragraphs to organise information logically and shape a non-fiction text effectively, using sub-headings when necessary

Spellings will continue to be tested on a Friday. Please, can you remind the children to bring in their folders every Friday morning?

Reading

Our guided reading lessons will be based on The Mill Girl, materials related to the Industrial Revolution, to support our history learning, and a story based around two children travelling back in time to the Victorian Era. This will also support our learning in history.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, we will complete our work on area and perimeter and move on to a short unit on statistics. Following this, we will focus on a geometry unit on shape which will take us into summer 2.

- Measure and calculate the perimeter of composite rectilinear shapes in centimetres and metres
- Calculate and compare the area of rectangles (including squares), and including using standard units (cm² and m²)
- Estimate the area of irregular shapes
- Solve comparison, sum and difference problems using information presented in a line graph
- Complete, read and interpret information in tables, including timetables
- Identify 3-D shapes, including cubes and other cuboids, from 2-D representations

Times tables tests will continue to take place each Friday morning. As with spellings, please ensure your child has their folder in school on this day.

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HISTORY

We are studying a History topic this term: 'How did Oldham help to Change the World?' This topic focuses on the Industrial Revolution. As this is a short half term, we may continue the topic for a week or so after the next half term holiday.

- historical enquiry based on a period with strong connections to the locality.
- learning about Britain's influence on the world.
- the importance of industrial areas and ports.

Science

Our Science will focus on forces:

- gravity, air resistance, water resistance, friction.
- gears, pulleys, levers and springs.

Computing

We will use the Purple Mash scheme of work to develop our coding skills.

Religious Education

In Religious Education, we will focus on the Feast of Pentecost and Jesus the Teacher.

Art/DT

We will conduct a brief study of the poet and artist William Blake. We will develop tonal shading to create perspective, creating a rooftop scene with chimney sweep. We will also produce contrasting observational sketches of the Spinning Jenny and a spinning wheel.

Physical Education

PE will now be on a Wednesday (swimming) and Thursday (City in the Community). Please, ensure that your child comes to school wearing an appropriate kit on these days. PE kit can be worn for swimming to make changing easier. If your child wears their swimming costume/trunks under their clothes to start the day, please ensure they pack their underwear in their swimming bag. The children will need to be in the school building for 8:40 on swimming day. An outdoor kit will be required on a Thursday.

Music

We will be following the Charanga music scheme to focus on the topic, 'Dancing in the Street.' I am hoping that we will be able to use the new keyboards in these lessons.

PSHE

We will continue with our Jigsaw scheme and our topic will be Relationships. The focus will be recognising ourselves and the positives and negatives about belonging to an online community. The focus here will very much be on keeping ourselves and others safe.

Spanish

As we have not completed our pets unit, we will continue this over the next few weeks. We will be learning about pets and how to describe them. We will learn rules for masculine and feminine nouns and some conjunctions. Our last session will be creating and describing our own creatures.

Oldham Gallery and Library Visit

On 9th May, we will be visiting Oldham Library and Gallery. We will have a library tour and a workshop about Oldhamers at Work. This will involve looking at a range of historical artefacts and producing an abstract industrial landscape with the support of an artist. A separate letter will be sent out regarding this.

Please, feel free to contact me by email, via the office, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the on line learning or anything that may arise over the next few weeks. If a conversation is needed, I will arrange a telephone appointment with you.

Kind regards,

Mrs Blackburn