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Dear Parents/Carers

Our theme this half term is 'People Who Are Famous in Bradford', which provides a wonderful opportunity for the children to explore local history, art, and geography. In English, we will be reading and learning about the story 'The Tunnel' by Anthony Browne. As part of this theme, the children will be writing their own imaginative stories about what they might find at the end of a mysterious tunnel, while also learning more about the author's unique style.

We will begin our thematic work with a focus on history as we discover various famous figures who lived in Bradford. The children will find out how long ago these individuals lived and will create their own timelines to represent this. We will spend significant time learning about Sir Titus Salt and the village of Saltaire in preparation for our exciting trip there in June. During our visit, we will explore the village and admire some of David Hockney's artwork in Salts Mill.

In art, our focus will be entirely on David Hockney. We will examine his famous paintings and have a go at drawing and painting our own pictures in a similar style, while learning how to mix paints to create a variety of different colours. We will also continue our work on the seasons by drawing trees and mixing paint to capture the delicate pink of spring blossom. This links closely to our science work, where we will be going on a walk to Lister Park to observe the arrival of spring and identify the physical changes that occur at this time of year.

Our geography lessons will focus on the differences between physical and human geography through a study of Saltaire. The children will learn how to use maps to locate and label different landmarks within the village. To support this, our dialogic talk lessons will encourage the children to ask probing questions to extend their knowledge, such as thinking of things they would like to find out about Sir Titus Salt. In our spoken language sessions, we will be supporting the children to articulate and justify their answers, arguments, and opinions clearly.

In music, we will be learning to compose our own pieces using both tuned and untuned instruments, continuing to use the Charanga programme to develop our musical skills. Our PE lessons this half term will focus on athletics, while in PSHE we will be discussing how to be our 'best selves', focusing on looking after our bodies and building resilience. In computing with Miss Afzal, the children will look at how technology is used outside of school and revisit how to stay safe and secure online, before beginning to learn about codes and algorithms. Finally, our activity passport experience for this half term will be the very exciting task of rolling down a hill!

Helping at home:

As well as ensuring that your child completes their weekly homework, you could:



- Tell your children about what it was like when you were little. How was it different to children growing up today?
- Get the children's grandparents to talk to them about what it was like when they were little, especially if this was in a different country. How was it different.
- Go for a family trip to Saltaire. Walk around the village, look at the different buildings and visit the park.
- Go for a walk and talk about the seasonal changes you can see. Discuss what is happening to the flowers and trees.
- Make your own musical instrument at home. Use different things such as; boxes elastic bands and rice to make your own musical instrument.

Here is a list of the books that we are recommending this half term.

1. Gorilla, by Anthony Browne
2. Pick a Story – A monster princess shark adventure, by Sara Coyle
3. Happy Hills – Attack of the Giant Danger Kittens, by Sophy Hann

If you have any questions please talk to Mrs Haigh or Mrs Ritz

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