



# Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

## The Man with the Magic Glasses

### 2025 - 2026

Welcome back! The Year 2 team are so proud of all the children and how well this have settled into Year 2. We are all excited about our new topic in which term we will be learning all about Saltaire and David Hockney!

#### Key Dates

6<sup>th</sup> November – Parents Evening  
 11<sup>th</sup> November – Parents Evening  
 8<sup>th</sup> November – Saltaire Trip  
 11<sup>th</sup> December – Pantomime in school  
 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner Day  
 18<sup>th</sup> December – Topic Showcase (TBC)

#### Outdoor Learning

This half term in outdoor learning we will be continuing to develop our skills in the outdoor area. To further support our understanding around art and David Hockney, this half term in outdoor learning we will be using lots of natural resources to create some fantastic pieces of art! As the colder months are in full swing now, please can you ensure that your child is bring a coat to school.

#### English

Our first book in English this half term is 'The Magic Paintbrush' by Julia Donaldson. We will be writing a story in which children will create an object using a magic paintbrush and describing what happens when that object comes to life. We will introduce the new skill of expanded noun phrases and recap co-ordinating conjunctions, adverbs and the 'ful' suffix.

#### Maths

This half term in maths we will start off by securing children's place value concepts of 10 more and 10 less. We will then introduce the column method to the children. This will start with focussing on adding then subtracting not crossing 10. We will then move onto addition and subtraction crossing 10. We will be teaching this using practical and in book lessons. We will also introduce the inverse in order to help check our answers. The column method is a really important concept that children will take with them throughout school.

#### Science

Our topic this half term is all about 'Choosing Materials'. We will be taking a more in-depth study into the properties of different materials and building on our knowledge from Year 1. We will look at the different types of material used for clothing, toys and everyday objects.

Mrs Carling will be continuing to support the children's development of their scientific skills. She will be teaching the children about plants and what they need to grow, this is a continuation from what the children were learning about last half term.

#### PSHE/RE/PE

PSHE – Our PSHE lessons this half term will be surrounding the theme of 'Valuing Difference'.

PE – Our topics in PE this half term are 'Ball Skills' and 'Fitness'. We will also start our Year 2 climbing wall sessions.

RE – RE will be continued to be taught by Mrs Walker. This half term the children will be learning all about

#### Topic – History and Art

**Key Vocabulary (History)** – Saltaire, Titus Salt, Mill, , World Heritage Site, David Hockney, Landscape, Exhibition, Textiles

**Key Vocabulary (Art)** - Line, Shape, Tone, Pattern, Texture, , Architecture, Experimentation

This half term we will be taking a focus on history and art as we will be focusing on David Hockney and the history of Saltaire. In the first half of this topic, we will be focusing on the rise of Saltaire as the 'capital city of the wool trade industry and how Salts Mill is an important historical building. In the latter half of the term, we will be taking a deep dive into David Hockney and his artwork. We will be using a wide range of media to experiment with shape, line, colour and pattern in order to create our very own David Hockney inspired piece of artwork at the end of the topic.



#### Computing/Music

Computing – Our topic in computing this half term is

Music – Music will continue to be taught by Mrs Clifford. The children will go to weekly singing assemblies hosted by Mrs Clifford.

#### Reading

Please continue to read with your child at home.