

# Year Five Newsletter Spring 2 2019



# Milner Field and the Ghost of Saltaire

Welcome back, we hope you have had a restful half term break. We would like to welcome Miss Jabeen to Year 5. We will start the new half term by kicking off with our topic; Milner Field. This topic will involve the development of our geographical, historical, and investigative skills. The children will have the opportunity to learn more about why our local area is so special.



#### **Mathematics**

Our focus this half term will be fractions, decimals and percentages. The children will continue with 20 minutes of daily arithmetic, and arithmetic homework will continue to be set each Friday.

Your child also has access to TT Rock Stars that not only helps them to learn the trickier times tables but also enables them to build up speed and accuracy, which they can then apply to their maths work.

### Important Dates

6<sup>th</sup> March Nell Bank information Evening 6.30pm

8<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day

11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> March Parent Consultation

12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> March Book Fair

27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> Nell Bank Residential

2<sup>nd</sup> April Visit to Shipley Baptist Church

12<sup>th</sup> April World Heritage Day



English

The children will be extending their writing skills by studying our local topic of Milner Field. The children will be taking on the role of someone who worked at the famous Milner Field house. Whilst in character, they will be writing diary entries reflecting what they thought it might be like.

After completing this we will move on to non-fiction advertisements for the Milner Field site. The children will also then be able to present a pitch to their classmates using the vocabulary and language skills they have developed through their writing.

Children will continue to be given 30 minutes reading time each day in which they can read a book on our accelerated reader scheme.

#### Science

We are starting a new topic on Habitats. In this unit we will look at the the different habitats needed by different animals and plants as well as how they adapt to different habitats.



We are hoping to incorporate some outdoor learning into this unit, weather permitting.

#### Swimming

We would like to thank you all for your continuing support with swimming. The children are really enjoying the lessons and are making great progress. Please be aware that children are welcome to bring a drink and a healthy snack for after the swimming lesson.

Should you have any queries or suggestions, please let us know. In the meantime, many thanks for your continuing support and we look forward to a term of exciting learning and great progress! With our best regards,

The Year Five Team.

#### PE

This half term we are moving on to cricket, I know many children have expressed their excitement. The children will be developing their underarm and overarm techniques as well as catching. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring children wear the appropriate PE kit.



## Spelling

This half term spellings will continue to be given out and tested on Fridays. We will be focusing on words using the diagraph 'au' for 'or' sound. We will then move on to suffixes ise, ify,en,ate

We will also include some spellings from the year 5 and 6 spelling list each week.