

## Rainforest Class 2 Autumn Term 1 Update

We've finally made it to the end of a long first half term, but we've worked hard and had fun along the way too.

In Maths both year groups have been working on recognising numbers, place value, addition and subtraction. Year Two children have been using their knowledge of number bonds to ten to help them with their calculations - this can be a more effective way than counting using our fingers!

In English we've all been working on sentence structure and formation through various pieces of writing. We've looked at traditional tales, character descriptions, instructions and Autumn poetry just to name a few. We're all trying hard to make sure our letters are formed and sized correctly, with some Year 2 children beginning to join their writing too.

Through our History topic we've learned lots about mills and some changes as a result of the Industrial Revolution. We enjoyed a trip to Queen Street Mill where we learned what it was like to work in a mill and also what it was like to go to school in the Victorian times. We're glad the teachers aren't as strict nowadays!



Year Two children had a morning at Sandylands developing their fundamental skills, including throwing, catching, jumping and team work. We look forward to going again soon.



On a Thursday afternoon we've been doing Art. This half term our focus was to explore malleable materials to make models. We've used clay to make pinch pots, coil pots and even a model of a mill! Once they had dried we could paint them to add colour and patterns. We had to remember how to make different colours as we were only given the primary colours, a little white and a little black.

