

# Class 4 Autumn 1 Newsletter

What a fantastic start to the year we have had. All the children in our class have settled really well this half term and have shown me how brilliant they all are!

Class 4 have hit the ground running with their Maths this half term. We have covered all areas of place value- Year 4 working with numbers up to 10,000 and Year 5 working with numbers up to 1 million. We have also worked hard on our formal methods for addition and subtraction, as well as focussing on our multiplication and division facts. Thank you to all your support at home with this.



Our History topic this half term has been based around the Victorians and we have linked this to the local area of Saltaire. The children have been really engaged in this topic and have produced some fantastic work, based around the life of Victorian children, Queen Victoria and how Sir Titus Salt founded and ran the village of Saltaire for his mill workers.



In English, we have written some fantastic stories based on our class reading book, Street Child by Bertie Doherty. The children fully emersed themselves into Jim Jarvis' life and based their own fictional writing on Jim's great escape from the workhouse. We then moved on to non-fiction writing and the children have researched, planned and written their own non-chronological report all about the Victorian era, including information on Queen Victoria, Deadly Diseases and the Super-stink!



In Science, we have focussed on the different states of matter and the processes in which they can change from one state to another. This had led to lots of different investigations including chocolate, water and ice. The children have worked well in different groups to independently investigate these and we were all shocked to find that when salt is put on ice, it melts it yet the temperature actually gets colder!



Everyone has worked incredibly hard this half term and I am very proud of all the children. I hope you all have a fantastic half term and enjoy Halloween and Bonfire night safely. We will see you back in school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. 😊

