

Reading Books.

Children have started to take home reader books home. Please read with your child and comment in their reading records. Books will be changed on Mondays and Thursdays if the book has been read and signed.

PE

Ibn Thabbit - Tuesday AM
Ibn Salamah - Wednesday AM
Bint Qays - Thursday AM

Please ensure all clothing and uniform is clearly labelled.

Trip to Helmsshore Museum

The children will have the opportunity to see original machinery, a working water wheel and will take part in a felt making session.

Ibn Salamah -
Ibn Thabbit -
Bint Qays -



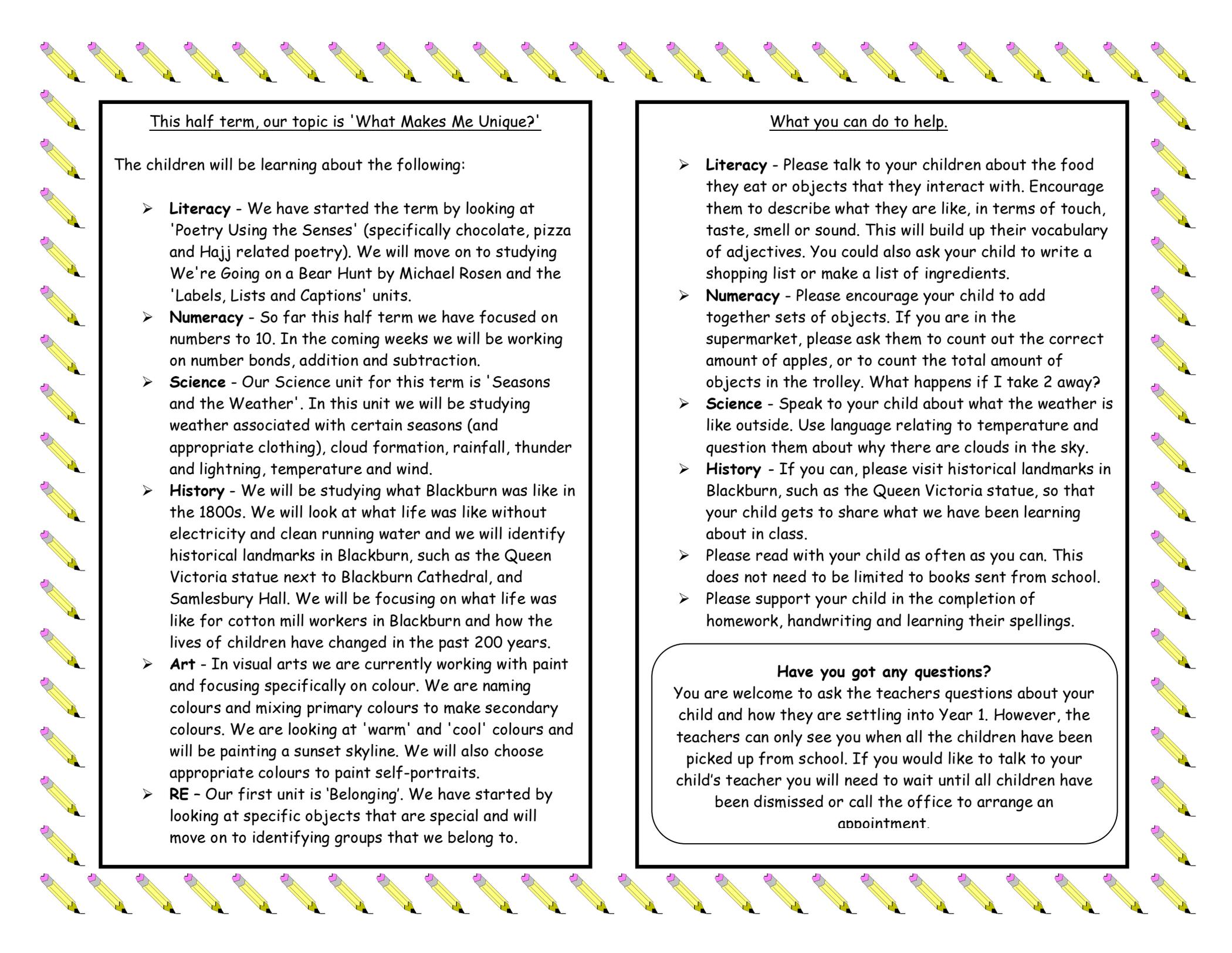
Olive School

Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn 2016



'What Makes Me Unique?'



This half term, our topic is 'What Makes Me Unique?'

The children will be learning about the following:

- **Literacy** - We have started the term by looking at 'Poetry Using the Senses' (specifically chocolate, pizza and Hajj related poetry). We will move on to studying 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen and the 'Labels, Lists and Captions' units.
- **Numeracy** - So far this half term we have focused on numbers to 10. In the coming weeks we will be working on number bonds, addition and subtraction.
- **Science** - Our Science unit for this term is 'Seasons and the Weather'. In this unit we will be studying weather associated with certain seasons (and appropriate clothing), cloud formation, rainfall, thunder and lightning, temperature and wind.
- **History** - We will be studying what Blackburn was like in the 1800s. We will look at what life was like without electricity and clean running water and we will identify historical landmarks in Blackburn, such as the Queen Victoria statue next to Blackburn Cathedral, and Samesbury Hall. We will be focusing on what life was like for cotton mill workers in Blackburn and how the lives of children have changed in the past 200 years.
- **Art** - In visual arts we are currently working with paint and focusing specifically on colour. We are naming colours and mixing primary colours to make secondary colours. We are looking at 'warm' and 'cool' colours and will be painting a sunset skyline. We will also choose appropriate colours to paint self-portraits.
- **RE** - Our first unit is 'Belonging'. We have started by looking at specific objects that are special and will move on to identifying groups that we belong to.

What you can do to help.

- **Literacy** - Please talk to your children about the food they eat or objects that they interact with. Encourage them to describe what they are like, in terms of touch, taste, smell or sound. This will build up their vocabulary of adjectives. You could also ask your child to write a shopping list or make a list of ingredients.
- **Numeracy** - Please encourage your child to add together sets of objects. If you are in the supermarket, please ask them to count out the correct amount of apples, or to count the total amount of objects in the trolley. What happens if I take 2 away?
- **Science** - Speak to your child about what the weather is like outside. Use language relating to temperature and question them about why there are clouds in the sky.
- **History** - If you can, please visit historical landmarks in Blackburn, such as the Queen Victoria statue, so that your child gets to share what we have been learning about in class.
- Please read with your child as often as you can. This does not need to be limited to books sent from school.
- Please support your child in the completion of homework, handwriting and learning their spellings.

Have you got any questions?

You are welcome to ask the teachers questions about your child and how they are settling into Year 1. However, the teachers can only see you when all the children have been picked up from school. If you would like to talk to your child's teacher you will need to wait until all children have been dismissed or call the office to arrange an appointment.