



# Lilac Class Half Termly Newsletter Autumn 1



**English:** In English we will be reading 'What was the San Francisco Earthquake?' by Dorothy Hoobler. During this unit we will be writing accounts of people's experiences during earthquakes, we will be writing letters and diaries. We will also be researching earthquakes and writing non-chronological reports about them.

**Maths:** In Maths we will be focussing on Place Value and addition and subtraction. For more information visit our website @ <https://www.stannesroyton.oldham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/National-Curriculum-Progression-Primary.pdf>

**Science:** In Science we will be learning about forces and magnets and will be carrying out investigations. The children will also be learning about Earth and Space, this will link to our geography topic.

**Geography:** We will be learning 'What makes the world grumble and?' This will be a study of earthquakes and how they occur. The children will also develop their locational knowledge and access lots of map work.

**Key Information:** PE lessons are every **Friday** afternoon and full kits should be in school for these lessons (Year 4 children). Year 5 children will be swimming every **Friday** afternoon and will need swimming kit. To see what we will be learning about in class this year and other information such as PE kits etc, please visit our school website <http://www.stannesroyton.oldham.sch.uk/> and navigate towards the ---Lilac Class tab. Newsletters are also archived here. There is also a calendar of events on the website. If you do not have internet access or cannot use this website for any reason, then please come and see me.

**Topic:**  
**What makes the world grumble and shake?**

An in depth study on Earthquakes



**Art and Design:** The children will be studying earthquake images and will draw and paint cracks in roads, we will practise making these look 3D. We will also be using different collage techniques to add dimension to our work.

**RE:** The children will be learning about Churches—'Are all churches the same?' They will also be learning about Harvest.

**Homework:** Homework will be set every **Friday** and must be returned the following **Wednesday**. This includes reading books which need to be returned to be changed. Children need to read their books and fill out their reading records. We encourage all parents to listen to their child read and to also sign the reading record to confirm the book has been read. The children will have their homework and reading book in their homework folders on Friday.

**PSHE:** The children will be learning about 'diversity' and how we respect each other.

**Computing:** The children will be exploring retrieving and organising data, this will include inputting data and interpreting data bases. They will be looking at spreadsheets and will create their own. We will also look at E-safety and keeping ourselves safe on line.

**Music:**

**PE:** Year 5 children will be going swimming and Year 4 children will be working with the Sports Development team.

