



Purple Class Half Termly Newsletter Autumn 2



English: In English we will be reading 'Short' by Kevin Crossley Holland a book of very short stories. They will also be using stories from 'Short and Scary' by Louise Cooper to write their own short stories.

We will also focus on journalistic writing .

Maths: In Maths we will be focussing on fractions . The children will be looking at equivalence and the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and apply them to fractions.

They will be finding fractions of amounts and applying these to word problems.

We will also look at how to convert different units of Measure.

Science: .In science we will be continuing our physics unit with a study on forces including magnetism, motion and energy. We will finish the unit with some research into Earth and Space before completing an end of unit assessment.

History: What if Great Britain would have never been invaded? The children will identify reasons why the early Islamic civilisation became a major power, know about the Silk Road trade route and the items offered for trade and be able to describe the methods by early Islamic chemists when making perfume.

Key Information: PE lessons are every **Friday** afternoon and full kits should be in school for these lessons. 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 ---Purple 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 call the office and let me know.

Topic:

What if Great Britain would have never been invaded?

RE:

Key questions will include:

How do Christians prepare for Christmas?

Why is Advent a time of preparation?

Who were the prophets and what did they do?

Who was John and what did he do?

What sort of person was Mary?

What does the church pray for in advent?

Homework: Homework will be set every **Wednesday** 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. Spelling tests are on **Wednesday**.

PSHE: The children will be learning about how to keep themselves healthy. Key questions will include:

Can I explain why getting enough exercise and enough sleep is important?

Can I explain how I can take care of my body?

Can I explain the harmful effects of using drugs, alcohol, and tobacco?

Computing:

In computing this half term, the children will continue to learn the importance of keeping themselves safe online by looking at the purpose of privacy rules, why they are necessary and how they work. The children will also continue to develop their skills in quizzing and blogging.

PE: The children will be developing their personal skills and developing their team skills as we are lucky enough to have sports development.