

# The Spirit of Salford

## Welcome back.

This half term our new topic is all about **Our Local Area**.

In **Literacy**, we will be looking at the book 'Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Anne Duffy, currently a Professor at Manchester Metropolitan University. We will use this text to write for different purposes including poetry. In our **SPAG** sessions, we will be revising our work on expanded noun phrases and different types of sentences, (commands, exclamations, statements and questions).

In **Maths**, we will be working on fractions. We will be learning to recognise and find the fractions,  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{2}{4}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a length, shape and set of objects. We will also discover equivalent fractions of  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Our multiplication and division work will be based around the 2 times tables.

Our **Topic** work will involve both **History** and **Geography**. We will look at the human and physical features of our surrounding area. We will use aerial photographs and simple maps. We will study the historical events and places in and around Irlam. We will be visiting **The Lowry**, to learn about Salford born artist L. S. Lowry and complete drawings in his style. In **Design and Technology**, we will be making trains to celebrate the railway and its importance in Irlam's history.

In **Science**, we will be investigating our environment. We will look again at the school grounds and observe any changes from the Autumn. We will identify animals and plants that live in our grounds and identify similarities and differences. We will closely monitor the bulbs we planted last term and hopefully move them into the flower beds on the school fields.

Our **British Values** work will be about respecting our community, including people and the environment.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Year 2 staff.

## Useful websites

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/z3rbg82>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<http://www.thelowry.com/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zr4wmp3>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

