

'Fantastic Fabrics'

Our project, '**Fantastic Fabrics**', focuses on our learning in Art and History about textiles and how textiles have shaped our local area.

History

Children will learn about the textile industry in West Yorkshire, particularly in our local area and the impact it has made on the world. They will explore the lives of the mill workers, mill owners and the types of fabric made in our area. On the learning log for homework children it has been suggested to visit a local textile museum to bring their learning to life.

Art

Children will learn about 2 textiles techniques, weaving and wax-resist dyeing, making their own products using the techniques. Children will weave paper and other materials to create placemats. Children will learn about the decorative art of Gustav Klimt before adding decoration to their placemats. They will then use their paper weaving skills to create beautiful handmade heart bags to give as a gift. Children will then learn about the use of traditional batik in Indonesia and around the world before designing and making their own batik coasters using wax resist sticks and dye.

Science

Children will look at how animals change as they grow up and be introduced to the life cycles of several varied common animals, including humans. They look in detail at how humans change as they grow older, drawing on their own observations. Children are introduced to the three basic needs of animals for survival (water, food and air).

How can you help?

- Ask your child about their learning in school.
- Be aware of what your child is accessing online.
- Help your child to research their topics using the internet, non-fiction texts and visiting places.
- You can help by researching further into reading local maps. Why not try to follow the Sat Nav in your car?
- Discuss the different faiths shared by our community and country.

Other Curriculum Subjects

Alongside our project, '**Fantastic Fabrics**', we will also be studying the following areas of the curriculum.

ICT

Children will be introduced to using the Internet safely and with a purpose. Children are shown how to search the Internet using one word; how to make sense of the returned results; how to use "for kids" to return more suitable results; how to follow links and return to the search results. Children are encouraged to use a range of search engines, including Google, Bing and Yahoo, and some more child-friendly engines.

PE

Games - teamwork and communication, simple tactics and attacking and defending.

Music

Charanga – Adding rhythm and pitch

RE

An introduction to how Christians and Muslims pray. Children should develop an understanding of the importance of prayer to those who belong to that religion.