



Year 2 Newsletter



Spring Term

Our topic this half term is: Super Scientists

Below are the things we will cover this term:

<p><u>English</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book: Ada Twist, Scientist - reading comprehension and character description• Children will write a character description of their favourite book character• Sentence types - command, statement, question, exclamatory• Expanded noun phrases to describe book characters e.g. helpful, cheerful girl• Poetry - Would You Rather...?	<p><u>Maths</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multiplication and division - 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables, understand that multiplication can be done in any order e.g. $2 \times 10 = 10 \times 2$, understand the inverse e.g. $4 \times 5 = 20$, $20 \div 5 = 4$, and solve multiplication and division word problems• Shape and symmetry Identify and describe the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, compare and sort 2D and 3D shapes and everyday objects• Fractions Recognise, find, name and write fractions $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, two quarters and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a length, shape, set of objects or quantity	<p><u>Science</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Science Day• Find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival• Describe the importance of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food and hygiene• Work scientifically e.g. by observing changes over time, grouping and classifying things
<p><u>History</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why do we remember Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole?• What did Florence and Mary do to help soldiers in the Crimean War and what challenges did they face?• How should we remember and celebrate Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole?	<p><u>Computing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Robot algorithms• 6th February - Safer Internet Day	<p><u>PE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gymnastics - explore and develop basic gymnastic actions on the floor and using apparatus• Dance - explore space and how their body can move to express and idea, mood, character or feeling

<p>PSHE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goals to Success - stay motivated when doing something challenging • My Learning Strengths - keep trying even when it is difficult • Learning with Others - work well with a partner or in a group • Group Challenges - have a positive attitude • Celebrating our Achievements 	<p>Art and DT</p> <p><u>Drawing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Imaginative drawing of medals <p><u>Sculpture</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Roll clay evenly, imprint and apply decoration to medal by scoring the surfaces and add embellishments. ▪ Slip, score, blend to join 	<p>Music</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Songs with rhythmic movement • Use chime bars to follow, create, copy and perform rhythms
	<p>RE</p> <p>Who is Jewish and how do they live?</p>	

How you can help:

- Check the 'We are learning to...' sign on Tapestry to see what we are learning each week.
- Practise telling the time and using money at every opportunity with your child.
- Visit your local library to find out interesting facts about medicine, hospitals, Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. You can share this with your teacher on Tapestry.
- Visit websites about Florence Nightingale. Here are a few:
<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/victorians/florence/>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zsps34j>
- Visit websites about Mary Seacole.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/assemblies-ks1-ks2-mary-seacole-black-history-month/zvrgkty>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/history-ks2-mary-seacole-video/zbphxyc>
- Visit The Florence Nightingale Museum, 2 Lambeth Palace Road, London, SE1 7EW.
<https://www.florence-nightingale.co.uk/>

Other news:

- Tuesday 9th January: Science author visit, Zanna Davidson
- Friday 12th January: Science Day. Children are welcome to dress up as a Scientist or wear a science themed top/t-shirt on this day. We are inviting a family member to come into class and take part in Science activities from 8.50-9.50am.
- Thursday 18th January: Whole class photographs
- Friday 2nd February: KS1 Reading Morning, 8.50-9.10am
- Wednesday 7th February 2-5.30pm (school closes at 1.45pm) and Thursday 8th February 4-7pm: Parents Consultations
- Friday 9th February: Last day of half term

Many thanks,

Year 2 team