



Year 2 Newsletter



Spring Term

Our topic this half term is: Marvellous Medicine

We will learn about Florence Nightingale's life before she was nurse, her journey to the Crimea, conditions in hospitals, clothes worn then and now and the difference Florence Nightingale made to the lives of others. We will also look at other influential people who made a difference and still do! Below are the things we will cover this term:

<u>English</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flat Stanley - reading comprehension• Flat Stanley - Character description• Children will write a character description of their favourite book character• Sentence types - command, statement, question, exclamatory• Expanded noun phrases• Poetry - Would You Rather....?	<u>Maths</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multiplication and division - Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 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. $4 \times 5 = 20$ and $20 \div 5 = 4$, 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a length, shape, set of objects or quantity		<u>Science</u> <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• Identify if things are alive, dead or never been alive
<u>History</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why and how we remember Florence Nightingale• Life in the Crimean War• How Florence Nightingale helped the soldiers• The story of Mary Seacole	<u>PSHE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responsibility: Being Helpful People who help me, preventing accidents, is it safe?• British Values: Rule of law Individual Liberty	<u>Computing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Online Safety<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Digital footprint- Using keywords for an online search- Recognise whether a website is appropriate for children	<u>PE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Games - ball skills e.g. dribbling, passing, scoring• Dance - Creating and performing a dance sequence to music

How you can help:

- Check the classroom door 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 and Florence Nightingale. Bring them into school to share with the class.
- Visit websites about Florence Nightingale. Here are a few:
- http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/famouspeople/florence_nightingale/
- <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/victorians/florence/>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zsps34j>
- Remember to bring your child's reading records, maths and spelling homework books, PE kits and library books on the correct days. Your child's timetable is displayed on their classroom door.

Places to visit:

Florence Nightingale Museum, 2 Lambeth Palace Road, London, SE1 7EW

<http://www.florence-nightingale.co.uk/?v=79cba1185463>

Other news:

- Science Day is on Friday 10th January. Parents are invited into class from 9-10.30am. If your job/hobby is science related, please let your class teacher know if you would like to talk about it with your child's class. Following feedback from last year, children are welcome to dress up as a Scientist or wear a science themed top/t-shirt. Please send Science Selfies into school on this day.
- On Tuesday 21st January at 9am in the Small Hall, we will be holding a Y2 English Workshop. Everyone welcome!
- Family Groups are on Monday 10th February in the afternoon.
- Parents Consultations are on Wednesday 12th February 4-7pm and Thursday 13th February 2-5.30pm.
- On Friday 7th February at 2.45pm, Jupiter will hold their class assembly which the parents of children in Jupiter class are welcome to attend. Parents are welcome to join the children back in class after the assembly.
- Our last day of term is Thursday 13th February.

Many thanks,

Year 2 team