



Year 2 Newsletter



Spring Term

Our topic this half term is: Marvellous Medicine

We will learn about Florence Nightingale's life before she was a nurse, her journey to Crimea, conditions in hospitals and the difference Florence Nightingale made to the lives of others. We will also compare Florence Nightingale to Mary Seacole. We will reflect upon the changes in living memory and discuss how our life has changed since the start of COVID-19. Below are the things we will cover this term:

<u>English</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Flat Stanley - reading comprehensionFlat Stanley - Character descriptionChildren will write a character description of their favourite book characterPoetry - Would You Rather...?Sentence types - command, statement, question, exclamatoryExpanded noun phrases to describe book characters e.g. helpful, cheerful boy	<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. $4 \times 5 = 20$, $20 \div 5 = 4$, and solve multiplication and division word problemsShape and symmetry Identify and describe the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, compare and sort 2D and 3D shapes and everyday objectsFractions 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		<u>Science</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Science DayFind out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survivalDescribe the importance of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food and hygieneAlive, dead, never been aliveWork scientifically e.g. by observing changes over time, grouping and classifying things
<u>History</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Why is Florence remembered today and what did she do in her life?Why do you think Florence took the brave steps to go to the Crimean War and who influenced her?What did Florence do to help soldiers?What were the most important achievements of Florence's Life?How should we remember Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole?	<u>PSHE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Goals to SuccessMy Learning StrengthsLearning with OthersGroup ChallengesCelebrating our Achievements	<u>Computing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Computer art - recreating art (Mondrian, Picasso, pointillism, pop art) using a computer programme, selecting appropriate tools with confidence and independence.8th February - Safer Internet Day	<u>PE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Athletics - running, jumping and throwing activities.Dance - compose and perform dance phrases and short dances that express and communicate moods, ideas and feelings.

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 and Florence Nightingale. 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/zvrqkty>
https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/history-ks2-mary-seacole-video/zbp_hxyc

Places to visit:

The Florence Nightingale Museum, 2 Lambeth Palace Road, London, SE1 7EW may be closed, but they are still open online with loads of articles, videos, quizzes and more about the 'Lady with the Lamp'. We recommend the Meet Miss Nightingale interactive video! <http://www.florence-nightingale.co.uk/?v=79cba1185463>

You can also take part in a 2 hour walking tour about Florence Nightingale's London.
<https://www.florence-nightingale.co.uk/florence-nightingales-london/>

Please do upload onto Tapestry any special events or day trips that you and your family have!

Other news:

- Science Day is on Friday 14th January. Children are welcome to dress up as a Scientist or wear a science themed top/t-shirt on this day. It will also be MANGO Morning. We are inviting a female friend or family member to come into class and take part in Science activities from 8.50am-10.20am.
- Individual photographs will be on Thursday 20th January.
- Saturn class assembly will be on Friday 4th February in the Small Hall at 2.45pm. Parents of Saturn class children are welcome to attend.
- Parents Consultations are on Wednesday 9th February 2-5.30pm (school closes at 1.45pm) and Thursday 10th February 4-7pm.
- Parent Information Morning about SATs will be on Thursday 10th February. It will be held in the Small Hall at 9am.
- Our last day of term is Thursday 10th February.

Many thanks,

Year 2 team