



# 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. Below are the things we will cover this term:

<u>English</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flat Stanley - reading comprehension and character description</li><li>• Children will write a character description of their favourite book character</li><li>• Poetry - Would You Rather...?</li><li>• Sentence types - command, statement, question, exclamatory</li><li>• Expanded noun phrases to describe book characters e.g. helpful, cheerful boy</li></ul>	<u>Maths</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Multiplication and division - 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables, understand that multiplication can be done in any order e.g. <math>2 \times 10 = 10 \times 2</math>, understand the inverse e.g. <math>4 \times 5 = 20</math>, <math>20 \div 5 = 4</math>, and solve multiplication and division word problems</li><li>• Shape and symmetry Identify and describe the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, compare and sort 2D and 3D shapes and everyday objects</li><li>• Fractions Recognise, find, name and write fractions <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> <math>\frac{1}{3}</math>, <math>\frac{1}{4}</math>, two quarters and <math>\frac{3}{4}</math> of a length, shape, set of objects or quantity</li></ul>	<u>Science</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Science Day</li><li>• Find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival</li><li>• Describe the importance of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food and hygiene</li><li>• Alive, dead, never been alive</li><li>• Work scientifically e.g. by observing changes over time, grouping and classifying things</li></ul>
<u>History</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Why is Florence remembered today and what did she do in her life?</li><li>• Why do you think Florence took the brave steps to go to the Crimean War and who influenced her?</li><li>• What did Florence do to help soldiers?</li><li>• What were the most important achievements of Florence's Life?</li></ul>	<u>Computing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Computer art - recreating art (Mondrian, Picasso, pointillism, pop art) using a computer programme, selecting appropriate tools with confidence and independence.</li><li>• 7th February - Safer Internet Day</li></ul>	<u>PE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gymnastics - explore and develop basic gymnastic actions on the floor and using apparatus</li><li>• Dance - explore space and how their body can move to express and idea, mood, character or feeling</li></ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How should we remember Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole?</li> </ul>		
<u>PSHE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Goals to Success - stay motivated when doing something challenging</li> <li>My Learning Strengths - keep trying even when it is difficult</li> <li>Learning with Others - work well with a partner or in a group</li> <li>Group Challenges - have a positive attitude</li> <li>Celebrating our Achievements</li> </ul>	<u>Art and DT</u> Pattern and Texture Drawing adding depth and perspective using sketching techniques Food Groups	<u>Music</u> Learn about the health benefits of music and singing Use chime bars to follow, create, copy and perform rhythms
	<u>RE</u> Who is Jewish and how do they live?	

#### 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/zbphtyc>
- Visit The Florence Nightingale Museum, 2 Lambeth Palace Road, London, SE1 7EW.

#### Other news:

- Science Day is on Friday 6th January. 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 9-10am.
- Parent Information Morning about SATs will be on Wednesday 1st February. It will be held in the Small Hall at 9am.
- Earth Song Workshops, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20th January.
- Individual School photographs - Monday 6th February
- Parents Consultations are on Wednesday 8th February 2-5.30pm (school closes at 1.45pm) and Thursday 9th February 4-7pm.
- Our last day of term is Friday 10th February.

Many thanks, Year 2 team