



Year 2 Newsletter



Spring Term

Our topic this half term is: Super Scientists

Below are the things we will cover this term:

<u>English</u> <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. friendly, cheerful girl who is always helpful• Poetry - Would You Rather...?	<u>Maths</u> <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	<u>Science</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Science Day• Meeting Dr Sheila Kanani MBE - astronomer• 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
<u>History</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Victorian objects• 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?	<u>Computing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Robot algorithms• 11th February - Safer Internet Day	<u>PE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gymnastics - explore and develop basic gymnastic actions on the floor and using apparatus• Target games - using our ball skills to hit a target.

<p><u>PSHE</u></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><u>Art and DT</u></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><u>RE</u></p> <p>Who is Jewish and how do they live?</p>	<p><u>Music</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Songs with rhythmic movement • Use chime bars to follow, create, copy and perform rhythms
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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:

- Friday 10th January: Science Day. Children can wear their school uniform with 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 8.50-9.40am.
- Thursday 16th January: Class Photographs
- Friday 24th January: Mental Health Support Team Coffee Morning 9am Small Hall
- Thursday 30th January: Dr Sheila Kanani MBE visiting KS1 children
- Friday 31st January: Parents Celebration Morning. We are inviting a family member to come into class and take part in Chinese New Year activities from 8.50-9.30am,
- Friday 7th February: KS1 Book Look, Parents are invited into class to look at their child's book and review recent learning. 8.50-9.10am
- Wednesday 12th February 2-5.30pm (school closes at 1.45pm) and Thursday 13th February 4-7pm: Parents Consultations
- Friday 14th February: Last day of half term

Many thanks,

Year 2 team