

Maths

This half term the children will be learning that fractions are equal parts of objects, shapes and quantities. Using their knowledge of division and multiplication they will be learning how to solve one-step problems. We will also learn more about shape including reflections and angles.

Science

In our science lessons the children will learn about the importance of taking care of themselves. This will include personal hygiene, keeping their teeth healthy and taking daily exercise. Additionally we will learn about the importance of caring for our mental health.

English

As part of our studies about the life and work of Florence Nightingale we will be learning about persuasive language, using this to write letters that will convince Queen Victoria to send supplies to the suffering soldiers at Scutari Hospital. We will also be writing non-chronological reports about the events in Florence Nightingale's life and an additional focus on poetry will get our creative juices flowing.

Music

We will focus on a reggae style of music, learning to listen with attention to detail and recalling sounds with increasing aural memory. The children will also be playing tuned and un-tuned instruments, producing music with and without notes.

History

Year 2 will be learning about the infamous 'Lady of the Lamp', how she helped injured soldiers at Scutari Hospital and the impact she had on the development of hospitals and nursing.

PSHE

In this unit, the children will learn to recognise that change is a normal part of life. They will talk about the difficult emotions they might feel at times of change and consider how they might cope with these feelings. They will also learn that change can be positive and talk about some changes they might look forward to in the future.

DT

Perfect Pizzas – The children will be designing a balanced, healthy pizza based on their science learning. They will sample a variety of vegetables and then use their knowledge to make and evaluate their own pizza.

RE

We will base our lessons around the question, who is Jesus; a great leader and teacher? The children will begin to understand the concept of being inspired and will be looking at stories from the Bible to learn why Jesus is an inspirational leader and teacher to Christians all around the world.

MFL

We will be learning to count to 20 in a variety of languages.

Computing

Children will be working with spread sheets to input data. They will understand what rows and columns are in a spreadsheet and will add images from the image toolbox to be able to allocate a value.

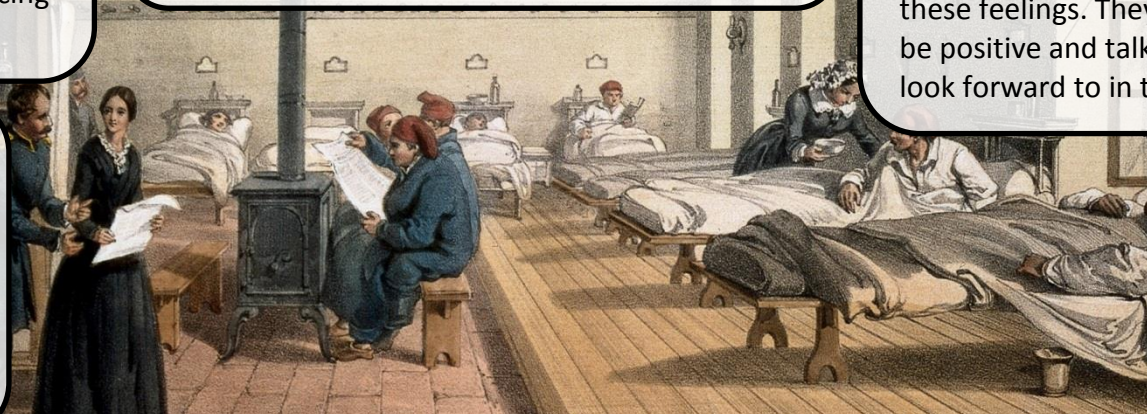
PE

Games

We will be practising our football skills such as dribbling, striking and controlling the ball. Gymnastics – "Points of Contact"

In this unit of work the children will develop some fundamental movement skills, extend their agility, balance and co-ordination and engage in co-operative physical activities.

Year 2 – Florence Nightingale



Violet and Indigo Class

We hope you have enjoyed hearing about all the learning your child has been a part of this term and that you are looking forward to our new, exciting topic after the half term break. As always, the Year 2 class teachers will be available on the playground at the beginning and end of the school day if you need to speak to us or have any concerns.

This half term our focus will be on Florence Nightingale. Are you, or do you know anyone who is a nurse and would be happy to come and speak to the children about your/their job? We would love to make a comparison between what nursing was like in 1855 and now.

Homework

Homework for English and Maths is set every Monday. It is to be returned by the following Monday. The homework will continue to be the topic grid where the children select one activity per week. Such activities may include worksheets, games, Mathletics challenges, information gathering or extended project work. If your child has any problems with any part of their homework, they have been told to come to discuss the task with us before Thursday. If the homework is not completed to a good standard then it may need to be repeated. Please feel free to write comments in your child's book as to how you feel they coped with the tasks.

Spellings

Spellings will be set on Monday each week and will be tested the following Tuesday. The emphasis will be on spelling rules, patterns and strategies related to our work in phonics. Please note that if your child is on the Read Write Inc. programme they may not necessarily be tested on their spellings each week, but they will still be expected to learn their spellings.

Ways in which you can help your child:

- * Check homework books and support your child in completing their homework.
- * Regularly read with your child and discuss books. It is important to ask your child questions about what they have read to show they have a good understanding.
- * Test your child on their spellings and practise counting forwards and backwards whenever you have a few minutes.
- * Use the Mathletics and Purple Mash to chat to your child about their learning in school. Teachers set work for the children on these that can be completed at home.

P.E.

Children must have their correct PE kit in school at all times. To avoid unnecessary disruption to the curriculum please ensure that your child brings their PE kit to school on **Monday** and that it is taken home to be washed on **Friday**. Children will need **both indoor kit** (blue shorts and a white T shirt) **and outdoor kit** (warm jogging bottoms, a warm sweatshirt and sensible, supportive training shoes) as outdoor games will take place each week.

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Monday 24th February

Thursday 5th March

Wednesday 11th – Wednesday 18th March

Thursday 19th March

Thursday 26th March

Tuesday 31st March

Wednesday 1st April

Monday 20th April

Children return to school

World Book Day – dress up as a favourite character from a book.

Scholastic Book Fair in school

Florence Nightingale WOW day

Parents Evening

Parents Evening

Last day of Spring Term

Children return to school