

### Maths

This half term we will be learning more about multiplication and division, solving real life problems, revising shape and looking at measurement for length, weight and capacity.

### Science

We will be learning about healthy lifestyles. We will find out about how humans grow and develop. We will learn about the importance of exercise and how it affects our bodies. We will also learn about diet and ways that we can stay healthy.

### English

This half term we will be using persuasive language to write letters that will convince Queen Victoria to send supplies to the suffering soldiers of Scutari. We will be writing non-chronical reports about the events in Florence Nightingale's life and poetry will get our creative juices flowing.

### Music

We will focus on mixed styles of music and listen with attention to detail recalling sounds with increasing aural memory. The children will also be playing tuned and untuned instruments.

## **Year 2 – Florence Nightingale**

### History

Year 2 will be learning about The Lady of the Lamp; how she helped injured soldiers at Scutari hospitals and the impact she had on hospitals and nursing.

### PSHE

In this unit children will learn how to keep themselves safer in a variety of personal safety contexts. They will begin by identifying those people they have chosen for themselves who they trust and who they would feel comfortable talking to if they have a worry. This will be used to develop a Safety Circle.

### RE

This half term we will be learning more about the celebration of Ramadan and Eid.

### Art

This term our art will focus on different genres of art including impressionism and pointillism and we will look at the work of famous artists such as Mondrian and Monet.

### Computing

We will use technology to explore impressionist art, pointillism, repeated patterns and surrealist art. We will then use the 2Paint a Picture programme to create our own art based upon these styles using drawings and clipart.

### PE

In PE this term, we will be working on our football skills and we will also be doing some gymnastics, using various equipment.

## **Violet and Indigo Class**

We hope you enjoy the half-term break and are ready for another busy half term. We have a lot to look forward to, including our Florence Nightingale WOW day. 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.

### **Homework**

Homework is set every Monday and is to be returned by the following Monday. If your child has any problems with any part of their homework, they should come to discuss the task with us before Thursday. The homework is set to develop the children's sense of independence and responsibility and as such should be completed by the children alone where possible. Please feel free to write comments on Seesaw as to how you feel they coped with the tasks.

### **Spellings**

Spellings will be set on Monday each week and will be tested on Friday - 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. Your child will receive new spelling when starting a new Read Write Inc book.

### **Ways in which you can help your child:**

- \* Check homework and support your child in completing their homework.
- \* Regularly read with your child and discuss books.
- \* Test your child on their spellings and practise counting forwards and backwards whenever you have a few minutes.

### **IMPORTANT DIARY DATES**

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Children return to school
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day
WC Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Week
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Book fair in main hall
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Florence Nightingale WOW day
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parents evening (5 - 7.30pm)
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents evening (4 - 6:30pm)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Last day of term