

Year 2 Spring Half Term 1 Parents' Leaflet

The aim of our new curriculum is to link much of the work around a theme, which makes learning more exciting and purposeful.

Science

This half term we will be learning about our bodies, specifically how we can stay healthy considering diet and exercise. We will learn about the important organs in our body. We will have a visit from the school nurse who will show us how to brush our teeth carefully and explain the importance of oral hygiene.

History

When learning about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole, we will study primary and secondary sources. We will ask questions of artefacts and consider the feelings of people alive at the time. We will make comparisons with modern medicine and the work of nurses today.

This half term our topic is:

Brave People

We will focus on important historical figures. We will begin by comparing Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole

English

Our focus for the first week of term will be poetry. We will read a range of poems about 'seasons'. We will read and perform, write our own poems and encourage others to read through writing a poetry review. We will then learn to write non-fiction recounts and will write about our trip to the Thackeray museum. For the final 3 weeks of term we will explore a book entitled 'The Red Prince'. We will explore its content and structure surrounding our topic of Brave People. This term we will be putting a lot of emphasis on reading. We will think about the questions that can help us explore a text in more depth and learn skills and techniques to help us complete comprehension papers.

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

This half term we are having a big focus on spelling. We will make sure we spell all high frequency words correctly when writing. We will also explore irregular words and think of ways to help us remember how to spell them, noticing any common patterns. We will understand prefixes, suffixes and use question marks and exclamation marks correctly.

Mathematics

We will:

- Understand how 2 and 3 digit numbers are made
- Add and subtract using a number line
- Tell the time to 5 minute intervals
- Measure using cm, grams, ml
- Problems solve and explain our reasoning
- Create and interpret graphs
- Continue to understand multiplication facts from the 2, 5, 10 times table

Our Values

Our focus this half term is on the value of 'Law'. We will learn about the importance of rules when playing games, when at school, in the community and in the wider world. We will think about how laws are made and by whom.

Computing

In ICT we will be researching. This will involve learning how to use a search engine to locate facts and information about a famous person which we will then use to create a simple presentation.

How you can help?

- Support your child with their homework
- Listen to your child read
- Ask questions about their learning
- Attend our open morning all about reading