

Year 2 Newsletter

January - February 2014

Literacy— This term we will begin by investigating the life of Florence Nightingale, which will be a cross curricular topic with History. We will be writing about her life and will be writing diaries in role as Florence Nightingale. Then we will look at a story called 'Snow Lambs' where we will be focusing on describing the setting and using speech in writing correctly. We will also be focusing on writing opinions and the children will be explaining why they would or would not like to be a farmer. After this we will be focusing on letter writing and we will revise using sentences with exclamation and question marks

Science - Move it: This term we will:

- Explore the forces used in making something move.
- Performing investigations.
- Making things move in the air.
- Changing the shape of objects.

PSHE— The children will be learning about setting goals and discussing how they can achieve them.

RE— The children will be learning about Christianity and the Church.

PE—this term the children will be learning Country Dancing.

Reading

Please try to read regularly at home, I cannot stress enough how important regular reading is. Also please use the reading support sheets that I handed out at parents evening when reading with your children as this will support their understanding of what they are reading.

Numeracy—we will start by working out how to sort and interpret data by using bar and tally charts. We will then revise ordering numbers and will be recapping on the < and > signs. Then we will be revising doubles and halves and will be learning about fractions and how to find $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of 2 digit numbers. Also we will be measuring weight and capacity and will be working out how to multiply and divide.

History—We will learn about Florence Nightingale's life before the Crimean War, the conditions of the hospital in Scutari, her actions there and we will compare and contrast how hospital conditions and the role of nurses have changed over time. We will also look at the impact that Florence had on nursing itself and we will briefly look at the lives of Edith Cavell and Mary Seacole.

Art and Design—the children will be continuing with observational drawings and will be looking at animal patterns.

ICT— The class will be taking their own photos and will then be writing about these pictures.

Homework

This will be set every **MONDAY** and needs to be returned by the following **MONDAY**. All spellings will be assessed, but they will **not always** be assessed on Friday. Homework sent home directly links into the work the children are doing in class and it is important that it is completed to the highest standard possible in order to consolidate and extend children's learning.

MENTAL MATHS

This term we will be beginning to learn about fractions. Quick recall of doubles to 15 and halves from 30 can really help children with working out fractions, as can being able to halve 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100. Please practice these with your child this term. Thank you.