



Year 2 Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a lovely, restful Christmas break. We have another busy term ahead, with lots of fun and exciting learning activities.

Ashwell Learning Journey Topic

In history we will be learning about the lives of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. The children have already thought about the questions they would like to find answers to and shared some of the knowledge they have on this topic. Over this term we will find out about the early lives of these two historical figures, their work during the Crimean war, the changes they made to nursing and the impact of this on the patients they treated. We will go on to compare the similarities and differences between the life stories of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole.

English

We will start the term by finishing off our letter writing unit based on Dragon Post by Emma Yarlett. We will then move on to writing our own version of a traditional tale inspired by the book Rapunzel by Bethan Woollvin. Later in the term we will be writing our own non-chronological reports about an animal, trying to incorporate the features of a non-fiction text. The children will continue to develop their phonic and spelling knowledge to help improve their writing across the curriculum. They will also learn the importance of using editing and redrafting as a way of improving their written work. We will also be continuing with weekly handwriting sessions to help develop and improve their handwriting and help develop a cursive script.

Mathematics

We are starting the term by learning how we can use the inverse to help us solve missing number calculations and problems. We are then moving on to learning about money and how we can make the same money amount in different ways, developing on to how we can find and work out change. Later in the term, we will be learning how to use a written method to solve addition and subtraction problems. We will continue to practise different mental methods of adding and subtracting numbers in our weekly fluency sessions.

Please continue to ensure children are completing some number practise at home. Numbots is good for this and with developing their number fluency or look at the ideas in the 'Maths section' on Google classroom.



Other Core Subjects

Science - Our topic this term is 'Animals including humans'. We will be learning about the life cycles of different animals and finding out how animals including humans change as they grow. We will go on to finding out what animals need to survive and learning how we can keep ourselves healthy by eating a balanced diet and exercising

Computing- Our two units of work will be 'Word Processing' and 'Programming-Scratch'. We will also be learning about internet safety.

Art-In art the children will be experimenting with a range of drawing materials to create different marks and tones. They will go on to use the skills they have learnt to produce an observational drawing.

D&T- In D& T the children will be learning how a wheel rotates before designing and making their own fairground wheel.

PE- In their lessons with our Premier Sport PE Coach, the children will be learning Dance in the first half term and Invasion Games in the second half term. I will be teaching 'Outdoor Adventurous Activities' (OAA).

PHSCE-We will be revisiting Zones of Regulations before moving on to our main topics of 'Health and Well-being' and 'Citizenship'

Music- In music we will be learning how events, actions and feelings in stories can be represented by pitch, dynamics and tempo. They will also be developing their understanding of rhythms.

RE -The children will continue to learn about different aspects of the Christian and Jewish religions.

Messages

Peek of the Week is posted on **Google Classroom** on a **Friday**. **Please take time to read this each week as it contains information about the week ahead and homework.** Each week homework will include reading, spelling and practising number skills.

PE days will be on a **Monday** and a **Tuesday**. Please can all children have PE kits in school on these days, children should have suitable **indoor** and **outdoor** clothes. PE kits will be returned home at the end of each half term for washing.

Library Day is on a Thursday.

We hope that this information will help you support your child this term and we look forward to a fun and productive term.

Best wishes The Year 2 Team