Curriculum Newsletter

Spring TERM

Year: 2
Theme: Florence Nightingale **Key Golden Question:** Who was Florence Nightingale?
Hook: Visit from Florence
PE is on: Wednesday Afternoon
Homework is due in: by Wednesday
Trips: Florence Nightingale Museum // Hampstead Heath Education Centre

SCIENCE

Animals

Year 2 will gain an understanding about what an animal needs to live, including the importance of exercise, hygiene and a healthy diet, and that all animals have offspring that grow into adults. As part of the learning on animals the children will be visiting Hampstead Heath Education Centre to take part in a 'Who eats who?' workshop on food chains.

ENGLISH

Key Texts:

Iris and Isaac
The Robot and the Blue Bird
Florence Nightingale

Writing Outcomes:

- retell of a familiar story
- letter writing as Florence Nightingale and the Robot to the Blue Bird
- descriptive writing to describe a setting
- poetry about a setting and/or character

Key Writing Skills:

- expanded noun phrases to describe
- range of conjunctions
- subordination to extend sentences

ART, DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

As part of their learning on nursing through the ages the children will design and make their own ambulances using a range of materials. They shall design, make and evaluate their ambulances and shall include moving wheels and axels as part of their models. In art history week year 2 shall be exploring the art work of Paul Klee and making collages of their own.

GEOGRAPHY

At the start of term Year 2 spent two weeks learning about—Our Earth- the cold. Using atlases the children learnt how land mass is split into continents. Pupils learnt about the equator line and its significance with a particular focus on the polar regions and how animals survive there.

PSHE / SMSC

Our topic is 'Healthy me'. We will be learning about how we can look after ourselves and our bodies to stay healthy. Learning about diet, exercise and brushing our teeth.

MUSIC

Our focus song is "Zoot time" Children will listen and appraise this song and other linked tunes. They will then move on to adding percussion instruments to create a whole class performance.

HISTORY

Year 2 will learn all about the lives of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole investigating the contributions they made to nursing, particularly in the context of nursing during wartime. Children will also be encouraged to reflect on the selflessness shown by Florence and Mary, who persevered with their work despite the difficult conditions.

MATHEMATICS

Topics:

Addition— Using the column method and bar models to add.
Subtraction—Using the column method and bar models to subtract.
Multiplication and Division—rapid recall of multiplication and division facts to answer problems
Measurement- Measuring length in cm and m

Mental Maths:

2, 5 and 10 times table and division facts
Number bonds to 20 and 100