

Curriculum Newsletter

YEAR 2 | Spring Term 1 | 2024



Dear Parents and Carers. Thank you for your continued support this academic year. The children really enjoyed learning about Hot and Cold places and we hope they really enjoyed showing them to Year 4. Thank you for helping your children to complete such fantastic project work to support this topic. We hope you had a lovely break and we look forward to another fun-filled and learning-packed term!

This half term, our topic is '**Famous and Fantastic**' and we will be focussing our learning around the key question **Who should have their statue outside St Thomas Hospital?**

Our 'Stunning Start' to launch our topic will be:

We will have a visit from Florence Nightingale, we will watch an interview asked by the teachers to start of our learning.

We will enhance children's learning and 'Cultural Capital' with the following virtual experiences, websites and texts:

Trip to the Florence Nightingale Museum.

Our 'Showcase' piece of work at the end of the topic will be:

We will be holding a debate in trios to discuss and argue the answer to the question 'Who should have their statue outside St Thomas Hospital'.

Our 'Shared Outcome' to communicate our learning with others will be:

The showcase event will be photographed and put on Seesaw. Photos will be shared on Twitter and displayed in our classrooms.



Here is a breakdown of the skills and knowledge to be covered in each subject through this topic:

English:

This half term we will be studying the books of Anthony Browne.

Key texts: The Tunnel, Gorilla as well as some non fiction books about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole.

Key skills:

- writing a setting description based on The Tunnel
- writing the end of an adventure story based on Gorilla
- writing explanation texts linked to history & science

Maths:

- developing number skills in more depth
- develop multiplication and division skills
- fractions
- Statistics
- Properties of shape

Science:

Our topic this half term is called 'Taking Care' and we will focus on how to eat well, look after yourself by having good hygiene and exercising. We will conduct an experiment to see what happens to our body when we exercise.

Useful websites and places to visit:

In central London, there is a Florence Nightingale museum which we will be visiting.

- Watch videos on the BBC or magic Grandad (available on YouTube) about Florence Nightingale.
- Research other famous people who interest your child and family—look things up online, borrow books from the library, visit linked museums or exhibitions if possible
- <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/victorians/florence/> this website has lots of information too.

Computing: We will be revisiting scratch to practice more coding. Pupils to program 2 sprites so they appear to interact in a knock knock joke.

RE: We will be planning an RE day towards the end of the half term. This will be a fantastic opportunity to immerse ourselves in the Christianity religion and look deeply at their beliefs. More details to come.

PE: We will be beginning the unit of ball skills outdoors and gymnastics as indoor PE.

Music: The children will continue with their music lessons with Mrs Kraft.

PSHE: Our new topic is called Dreams and Goals and asks the children to reflect on what they have achieved, what they would like to achieve and how they will do this.

Reminders:

Home reading books will continue to be given out on Mondays with spellings for the next weeks spelling test.

Please remember to send your child in with their reading record daily.

