

10th January 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year!

Here is a list of the areas that your child will be working on during this half term.

Our topic is history based, focusing on Florence Nightingale and is called '**Lady with the Lamp**'.

Maths	Our Maths learning includes comparing and describing capacity whilst using the appropriate vocabulary and for the children to recognise coins and notes and know their value. We will also sequence events, learn the days of the week and months of the year. Children will also identify 1 more and 1 less of a given number, identify and describe 2D shapes and measure and record the weight of different objects.
English	Children will explore stories with repeating patterns. They will focus on retelling & re-enacting stories, sequencing events and studying the different characters. We will also be reading and writing instructions. Children receive phonics teaching daily and focus upon sentence structure, grammar, punctuation and handwriting frequently. We are also focusing on developing inference and deduction skills.
Science/ Geography	Children will be continuing to learn about seasonal changes and are focusing upon the weather in Winter. In addition, children will be learning about the countries in the UK and naming the capital cities.
Computing	Our theme is 'coding'. Children will learn that computers follow instructions which are called 'codes' and will write simple codes to make objects on the screen move.
Religious Education	Children will be thinking about the question 'How do I and others feel about life and the universe around us?' Concentrating upon the Hindu belief in Karma and the cycle of life.
History	Children will develop an awareness of famous people and will be focusing on the life and legacy of Florence Nightingale. By using different sources of information children will sequence the main events in her life and know how she changed hospitals for the better.
Art	Our focus is on painting, drawing, line and shape so children will be mixing colours, drawing snowflakes and creating 'Winter pictures'.
Design Technology	Our focus is food and children are encouraged to eat more fruit and vegetables becoming aware of the importance of food hygiene. Children will be tasting & preparing fruit and vegetables and making a vegetable soup and fruit kebab.
P.S.H.E & SEAL	Children will be thinking about medicines & drugs and answering questions about what goes in to my body?, how?, and where does it go? We also will be setting realistic goals, achieving them & solving problems.
P.E. Games & Gymnastics	In P.E lessons children will be playing different team games with Team Activ to become more aware of space and others and develop ball control skills. In gymnastics we will be rolling, jumping, travelling and balancing on the floor and large apparatus.
Music	Children will be learning a range of songs and rhymes and will be focusing on keeping a steady pulse and clapping a simple rhythm. Children will also be introduced to basic notation. We will also be singing songs with Mr Richards and listening to different music.
French	Children will be continuing their French lessons with Madame Brittain.

Homework will be given out on a **Friday** and collected by the following **Friday**.

Reading folders should be returned daily to enable reading books to be changed. Reading Record Books are for your use as well as ours. Please feel free to comment on your child's reading at home.

Please check the class **notice board** regularly, which is located in the cloakroom, for the latest information and any missed letters or homework.

This half term P.E. is now on Wednesdays and Fridays, please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing, for indoor sessions, and that all jewellery (in particular earrings) is removed. Could children please have their uniform and P.E. kits clearly labelled with their name?

Thank you very much.

If you need to ask any questions I am always available after school.

Yours sincerely,