



Class 2JP-Summer 1

Our topic this half term is "Who was Florence Nightingale and why was she important?"

Welcome back after the Easter holiday. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about the topics your children will be studying during this half term.

Homework

Homework will continue to be sent out each Friday; to be returned by the following Friday.

Spellings

Spellings will continue to be given out each Tuesday. A spelling test will take place the following Monday. Your continued support in preparing for the test is gratefully appreciated.

Reading

During the Spring term, Class 2JP met the 'Must, Could and Challenge' on a number of occasions. Moving forward, I am challenging the class to continue in this positive direction. Please continue to read a few pages of your child's home reading book every night and sign the reading record after your child has read. You can also support your child's learning by asking a few questions about the book.

PE

PE lessons will be on Thursday and Friday. Please make sure your child has full PE kit in school on these days. Please remember earrings should not be worn on PE days.

History/Geography

In History we will find out who Florence Nightingale was and about the period when she was alive. The children will explore the improvements Florence Nightingale made at the hospital in Scutari and how these changes impacted on the wounded soldiers. They will find out how she came to become known as 'the lady with the lamp'. In Geography, we will use world maps and atlases to identify all of the important places where Florence Nightingale visited. We will compare and contrast what it was like when Florence Nightingale was alive to the present day.

Literacy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Stories by the same author
- Non-chronological reports about Florence Nightingale
- Diaries
- Letters

During literacy your child will be focusing on grammar, punctuation and guided reading.

We will all be reading 'The Dolphin Boy'

Numeracy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Calculating
- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions
- Measuring
- Solving Problems in each of the above areas

Science

In Science we will be continuing our 'electricity' topic. The children will learn about simple series circuits involving batteries, wires, bulbs and other components and they will have the opportunity to investigate how a switch can be used to break a circuit [for example, buzzers, motors].

RE

In RE the topic will be 'What is special about a church?' The children will look at symbols and artefacts which express a meaning of faith. The children will identify and name some religious artefacts and say how they are used.

Art/DT

Our Art and DT will be linked to Florence Nightingale. The children will look at paintings of Florence Nightingale and draw their own portrait of her. They will also plan and make a clay candle stick holder.

Music

In Music the children will be exploring a range of Reggae songs. The children will continue to develop their musical vocabulary, playing singing games to enhance their understanding of the different dimensions of music.

ICT

During ICT we will also be using the internet to research information about Florence Nightingale and her life.

The children will continue to develop their programming and debugging skills in a number of different scenarios.

And finally...

Please feel free to come into school, before and after school, to discuss any concerns with myself or Mrs Smithson.

