



Autumn 2



Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Creative Curriculum

Our topic this half term is 'It's Magic! As Historians, we will look at Florence Nightingale and her early life exploring the expectations of society and her family. We will also what the children would like to be when they grow up and why. As Geographers, we will record the weather patterns over a period of time looking at conditions and temperature. We will then compare and investigate the weather in contrasting countries. We will also look at the different types of animals that live in different climates and their adaptations. In DT, we will design, make and evaluate our own pop-up books. As writers, we are going to write using a range of different genres such as: a letter, instructions, a character description and poetry. In our Social Skills lessons we will be focussing on the themes of safety relating to Bonfire Night and Halloween. During Remembrance week we will be looking at British Values and what remembrance means.



English

In English, we will be exploring and writing in a range of genres. To inspire our writing we will read 'George's Marvellous Medicine' by Roald Dahl. We will develop our speaking and listening skills by discussing key events and will use this as a stimulus for our writing. For example, writing instructions on how to concoct the perfect medicine. Also, we will be writing some poetry based around Remembrance Sunday. We will then move onto looking at Florence Nightingale and the role she played within society. Some of the key skills we will be developing are:

- Adding suffixes onto the end of words
- Describing using expanded noun phrases
- Using adjectives to add description
- Practising our perfect punctuation.



Mathematics

In Maths, we will be refreshing our knowledge of number and place value. This will involve using both concrete and pictorial resources. We will then move onto using the column method for addition and subtraction of two digit numbers. As well as this, we will continue to answer a range of reasoning and problem solving questions. These will involve missing number questions and calculations with measurements on. We will practise counting in steps of 2, 3, and 5 from 0, and in 10s from any number, forward and backward.



Science

In Science this half term, we will be developing our scientific investigation skills. Through this unit, we will be encouraged to explore chemical reactions. We will collect data from our investigations and plot this into graphs. From this, we will write up our investigation and draw a conclusion from our findings. This will help us to develop their scientific vocabulary and their observational skills.



Enrichment

Various activities are planned for our Forest school sessions. Children will have the chance to be taught by a real magician.

Important Dates & Information

- PE kits are to be brought in on a Monday to use throughout the week.
- Please can you ensure your child's reading book file is in school every day.
- Please encourage your child to practise their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables.

