

St. Swithun's: Year 1/2 Curriculum Map – Spring 2. Topic: Nurturing Nurses

Major outcomes for the topic:
A letter and Diary

English

This half term, our writing will be linked to our history topic and will be all about Florence Nightingale. We will start by reading all about Florence to learn about her life. We will then be writing a character description of her, describing both her appearance and personality. Year 1 children will be focussing on using the conjunction 'and' to link their descriptive sentences together and year 2 children will be attempting to include words with suffixes such as 'help-ful.'

We will then be learning about diary writing and writing a diary as a soldier during the Crimean war. We will be trying to include a variety of different conjunctions in our writing as well as including thoughts and feelings of the soldiers. We will continue to work on making sure we are punctuating our sentences with capital letters, full stops and finger spaces as well as using our Fred Fingers to help us spell words.

In reading, we will be continuing to learn our phonics sounds and work on building our fluency and speed when reading. We will also answer questions about the text to build our comprehension skills, with Year 2 children focussing on building their inference skills.

Art & Design

DT focus this half term

Computing

We will continue to familiarise ourselves with logging in, using a keyboard and mouse to enter and remove text. We will also change the look of the text, and will be able to justify their reasoning in making these changes. Finally, we will consider the differences between using a computer to create text, and writing text on paper.

Exciting beginnings / events/ theme days/ trips / visitors

During our first week back we will be celebrating World Book Day with fun activities all day based around our love of reading! We will also be visiting Fort Nelson to learn all about Florence Nightingale.

Design & Technology

In DT we will be making windmills. We will evaluate windmills, learn to make a stable base, add sails to the structure and then evaluate and improve our product.

Geography

History focus this half term

Mathematics

We will begin this half term by building on our place value knowledge and we will continue to count to and from 100 in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s. We will then learn about measurement, investigating the length and height of different objects in our classroom. We will solve problems based around measure, using our knowledge of the four operations to help us. Then we will recap multiplication and division and solve number sentences using arrays to support us. We will then focus on 3D shapes. Year 1 will recognise the different 3D shapes and year 2 will describe these by their properties. You can continue to support your child at home by practising their number bonds within 20, practising number formation and counting. Numbots and Topmarks Hit the Button are fantastic online resources to support the recall of number facts speedily.

Modern Languages

We are revising fruits, days of the week and colours and are learning the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' in French. We will be making our own books to bring home.

Languages

Music

The children will be learning how to create melodies using tuned instruments.

Text, videos, music, pictures to ensure experiences of rich and varied literary heritage

We are very lucky to be reading the Portsmouth Book Awards books and we will get the opportunity to vote for our favourite story!

Science

In Science, we will be continuing our topic of animals, including humans. This half term we will learn to identify and name basic parts of the human body such as head, arm etc and label these on a diagram. We will learn about the five senses and say which part of the body is associated with each sense. We will carry out a simple experiment using our senses.

History

In History this half term we will learn about Florence Nightingale and why she is a significant individual. We will describe events that happened before our living memory and make comparisons about what life and hospital was like during the Crimean war and how life is today. We will look at a timeline to see when Florence Nightingale was alive and discuss other events that we have learnt about to think about chronology. We will also learn about Mary Seacole and discuss her and Florence Nightingale's achievements.

Physical Education

In PE, we will be creating dances based on the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. Our focus will be learning the skills of following a routine and working together and creating repeating rhythms. In games, we will be developing our athletic skills and developing our running, throwing and jumping skills with a growing control.

Education

Religious Education

This half term we will be learning about Lent and Holy week. We will be thinking about how Lent is a time of preparation and for seeking forgiveness. We will be reading a range of parables and trying to understand these.

Education

PSHE / British Values

Through all areas of the curriculum and the ethos of the school we are developing a sense of community, respect, belief and responsibility for ourselves and others. We will promote democracy by voting for class members for the school council and a sense of law by writing our own class rules which pupils take responsibility for and agree to abide by.