

Year 2: Spring 1 - Helping Hands

English

In Literacy we will be reading *The Hodgeheg*, by Dick King Smith. Our visit to the local park will help the children to write descriptive narratives. The children will be using information texts to learn about people who help us, such as the police, medical and teaching staff. Our literacy link in history will recount the life of Florence Nightingale and make comparisons between her and Mary Seacole.

In grammar, we will be extending sentences using subordination (if, that). We will explore the use of commas when writing lists and the use of past and present tense verbs. Children will continue to have daily handwriting lessons, continuing to write in a joined script. Reading skills will be taught each day through our Guided Reading lessons. We recommend listening to your child read every day, signing their reading diary afterwards. It really helps make a difference! Ask your child to retell the story, predict what happens next or give their opinion on a book.

Our Bug Club reading scheme is available online at www.activelearnprimary.co.uk. Please see your class teacher if you need a password reminder.

Maths:

This half term the children will solve problems in a practical way involving addition and subtraction of money and multiplication and division. We will be recalling multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, including recognising odd and even numbers. The children will learn that the multiplication of two numbers can be done in any order (commutative) and division of one number by another cannot. The children will be counting money and calculating total amounts of money. They will learn to find change and solve problems involving money.

Topic:

In Year 2 this half term, our topic is '**Helping Hands**'. We will be learning about professional people who help us, for example doctors, nurses, paramedics, police, fire brigade, vets. **Please let your class teacher know if you can help do a talk about your work in the community.** In History, we will be learning about Florence Nightingale and her pioneering work as a nurse impacting on modern practice today. If you wish to find out more, St Thomas' Hospital, London has a museum dedicated to her or her memorial is in the crypt of St Paul's Cathedral. The children will also have the opportunity of going back in time with our Florence Nightingale workshop. In Art the children will be exploring work by the artist Picasso and recreating his work. Treating people fairly and caring for others are the focus of RE lessons. In PSHE we will be highlighting the dangers of medication, if taken inappropriately, and being able to recognise those in the community who can help us. School Council allows the children to share their views and opinions. In PE the children will be developing their gymnastic skills. Music will continue to be taught by a professional musician from the Music College. ICT lessons will teach the children how to create and test a programme. Science this half term will help the children to recognise the importance of caring for themselves, through diet and exercise.

Information about Year 2

Homework:

Homework will be given out on Friday and should be returned the following Thursday. Please help your child to learn their spellings which will be tested on Friday.

P.E. Timetable:

Class 2A: Monday & Wednesday

Class 2B: Wednesday & Thursday

Class 2C: Wednesday & Thursday

Please ensure that your child brings in a full PE kit to school labelled with their name and class. **NO EARRINGS SHOULD BE WORN ON PE-DAYS.** Please ensure long hair is tied up.

Uniform:

Children are expected to wear the correct school uniform.

Class Teachers are always happy to discuss your child. Just make an appointment with the office staff. Mrs Allen -Year group leader (2A), Mr Cheung (2B) and Mrs Crome/Mrs Jacobs (2C).

Dates for the Diary:

Florence Nightingale workshop— **Monday 13th January**

Park Visit—linked to science and the Hodgeheg English work— **Tuesday 14th January**

Big read—**Friday 7th and 14th February**—2.50pm