



Year 2: Spring 1 – Helping Hands



If you would like to help your child learn at home there are many things you can do.

- Read with your child every day
- Join the library
- Use age appropriate computer programmes (Phonics Play, TTRS, Numbots– see class teacher for more details and sites)
- Take an interest in what they did at school.
- Play with them to help build upon their imagination.
- Use mathematics in everyday situations (counting cars/trees, in the shop, finding and discussing shapes in the environment)

PE Timetable:

Class 2A PE – Monday and Thursday

Class 2B PE – Monday and Tuesday

Class 2C PE – Monday and Tuesday

Key Dates: Florence Nightingale Workshop- Friday 14th January

If you have any concerns or just want a chat about your child's progress feel free to contact your child's teacher on class dojo or our year group email – year2@jamescambellprimary.org.uk

English

In English this half term we will be continuing to use “Talk for Writing” a scheme that enhances children's literacy skills. The children will be focusing on writing non-fiction pieces which will include reports and biographies. The children will be continuing on with the RWI program in phonics as well as participating in target reading sessions in the afternoon. Children will continue on the with learning spelling words each week. Spelling and grammar will be taught each day. The children will be practising their handwriting daily. Most children should be joining their letters.

Useful websites for phonics and reading:

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.teachyourmonstertoread.co.uk

The Wider Curriculum

This half-term our topic is ‘helping Hands’ where pupils will learn about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole researching the work they did during the Crimean War. In **History**, we will be learning about The Crimean War and how Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole changed the way nursing was viewed and their impact on nursing today. We will also be researching how they changed how women were viewed in society. In **Art.**, we will be investigating the work of Franz Marc. We will be researching his use of line and colour. We will be making our own colour wheel and learning how to mix secondary colours and developing a better understanding of the colour wheel. We will also be experimenting with different brush strokes. In **Music**, children will explore the genre of rock, identifying the style indicators associated with this. Children will continue to develop their understanding of pulse, rhythm and pitch. They will continue to develop their language of music as they discuss the different songs and say whether they like or dislike them. Using a glockenspiel, they will improvise with the song and compose short tunes to it. In **ICT**, children will be investigating how computer games work and how to play them safely. We will also be discussing PEGI ratings and why they are important for our safety online. In **RE**, children will be learning about celebrations in different cultures. They will consider the importance of celebrations and shared values. In **PE**, children will be explore moving with a ball during a game; using space when passing and receiving a kicked ball; throwing, catching, attacking and defending during a game. In Gymnastics, children will be focusing on using apparatus, rehearsing shapes on apparatus and performing shapes in flight. Pupils will also explore rolling techniques and incorporate these into performances.

Maths:

In **Mathematics** this half term, we will be solving problems involving multiplication and division, using materials, arrays, repeated addition, mental methods and multiplication and division facts. Children will be calculating mathematical statements for multiplication and division within the multiplication tables and writing them using the multiplication (\times), division (\div) and equals ($=$) signs. Children will recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables, including recognising odd and even numbers. We will be Interpreting and constructing simple pictograms, tally charts, block diagrams and simple tables. Children, will be investigation length and height by choosing and using appropriate standard units to estimate and measure length/height. We will also be comparing and sorting common 2D and 3D shapes and everyday objects. Children will be identifying and describing the properties of 2D shapes, including the number of sides and line symmetry in a vertical line.

Time Table Rockstars

Please use this great resource to start practising times tables in 2's, 5's and 10's. The password should be in your child's reading diary.

Numbots

We have signed up to Numbots which is an online game to help boost addition and subtraction skills. It can be played on: play.numbots.com. Please look in your child's reading diary for their password.