

Happy New Year! We hope you had a fabulous Christmas break. We have enjoyed hearing about all the lovely things the children have been doing over Christmas. We have already begun doing some brilliant learning and are excited about the rest of the term.

## What we are learning

This half term our History topic is 'How has Healthcare changed over time?' We will be investigating the impact of Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale on our health system and comparing modern care to Healthcare in 1800's.

In our writing sessions, we will be learning how to write an explanation text linked to our Science learning. We will be thinking about how to join conjunctions when writing sentences and continue to develop our joined handwriting. We will also rewrite a traditional tale.

## Super Science

Our topic is 'Growing seeds and bulbs' and we will be learning about how seeds germinate and begin to grow. We have already begun to germinate some seeds in our class so we can watch them change over time.

#### Our Values this half term are

Respect & Thankfulness

To appreciate the beauty and bounty of the world around us and to value the families, gifts and opportunities that we have been given.

### Reading and Spelling

We are focussing on our reading fluency. The aim is for us to be able to read 60 words per minute of an age appropriate text. For this reason, we will sometimes reread texts we have already read to build up the familiarity with the words and increase our speed and accuracy. We practise our reading daily. Your child's book will be changed once each week on a Monday.

Each week we will learn a spelling rule and a list of words in class. The children will be set an assignment on Spelling Shed for the following week to practise those spellings. Playing these fun games 3 or 4 times a week for between 5 and 10 minutes is ideal and will support their learning in class. The assignments will be set each Friday.

# Maths



Our first topic this term is money. We will learn to identify coins and notes, create different amounts, add and subtract amounts of money and find change. We will also tackle two-step problems relating to money. Following this, we will learn about multiplication and division. We will learn to recognise and create equal groups and use arrays and will learn our 2, 10 and 5 times tables. We will begin to use Times Tables Rockstars in addition to Numbots once we have learnt our 2, 10 and 5 times tables in class so that we can practise at home too. I will send out information regarding this once we have used it in class.

Our KIRF this half term is to know all multiplication and division facts for the 2 times tables. Information about how to help your child practise this at home is available on the school website.

### PE Kit Days

Please send your child into school in their PE Kit on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Please ensure kits meet our uniform requirements (no wording or branding other than the school badge).

#### Water Bottles

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Please ensure your child has a water bottle every day!

Let your light shine - Matthew 5:15-16 From Mrs. Harrison, Mrs Darnton and Mrs Walton

