

Year 2 Newsletter

Quartz Class Teacher: Mr Sonnex

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Schreur, Mrs Wildish & Miss Smith

Sapphire Class Teachers: Mrs Cassell & Mrs Dengate

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Calver & Mrs White

Curriculum information

Our topic in Term 1 is 'Inspirational People'



Our **Topic** this term is all about inspirational people and we will be learning about what being inspirational means to us, along with studying the lives of **Florence Nightingale** and **Mary Seacole** - who changed nursing for the better. We will also be looking at the geography of England (where Florence Nightingale lived) and Jamaica (where Mary Seacole was born).

In **English**, we will be writing diary entries to record a day in the life of Florence Nightingale and will also be learning how to use statement sentences in writing fact-files.

In **Phonics**, we will be re-capping the phase 5 sounds and will also be looking at spelling rules.

In **Maths**, this term, we will be working on number and place value, addition and subtraction, and times tables each week and will be using our skills to solve problems.

Our **Art** this term, will be around inspirational British artists and we will be learning about Joseph Turner. We will be looking at the skill of capturing the light and will use this in creating our own paintings.

In **RE** we will be looking at the story of the Good Samaritan and will be discussing caring for people.

For **Science**, we will be looking at the way in which the human body changes as it grows. This includes learning about what humans need to grow such as exercise and healthy foods.

We would like to say a huge '**Thank You!**' for your children's hard work over the summer in making their '**All About Me Bags**'. We have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the children's hobbies and interests.

Thank you for your ongoing support and if you have any queries or questions please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the Year 2 team.

P.E



Both Sapphire and Quartz class will have P.E on **Mondays**.

Please could you ensure your child has their P.E kit in school. **Please remove earrings on these days** - this is an important health and safety issue.

How can you help at home?

Times tables 2, 5 and 10

Reading- books, comics, recipes or labels!

Spelling homophones e.g. There/their, here/hear and the common exception words.

Writing simple stories/news using adjectives, adverbs and similes

Recognising shapes in real life



Key Dates:

2nd October: Individual and sibling photos.

3rd October: Harvest Festival

14th & 17th October: Parent consultations

18th October: End of term 1

Water bottles

Please could you ensure that your child brings a **named** drink bottle to school each day, to have in the classroom. **This should contain water only, no juice or squash please.**



Clothing

Please make sure all items of your child's clothing has their name on it. It makes it much easier to reunite children with lost clothes. This includes their PE kit.

Thank you

Reading books

Each week, your child is listened to reading their reading books as well as Guided Reading and reading in different situations. Reading is a tricky skill to master and your child will benefit from **reading with you at home as much as possible to build confidence and fluency.**

Thank you!

