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Willows, Oaks and Junipers

Dear Parents,

We hope you have a lovely half term! This is an outline of the subjects we will be covering when we return to school.

History	We will be looking at the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements, for example, Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell.
Science	We will be exploring everyday materials and their different uses. This will include experiments to investigate which materials are best for building tall structures, making parachutes and waterproofing! We will also think about why it is important to recycle.
Maths	Along with looking at Da Vinci for Maths and Art activities, we will be starting by looking at data and statistics, focusing on pictograms and bar charts. Moving forward, we will look at capacity and measurements. We will revisit addition and subtraction by recapping doubling and halving, partitioning and subtracting by counting back. We will also look at money, finding change and investigate bar models. We will also look at 3D shapes and their properties, time to the nearest 5 minute and word problems.
English	We will read the story ' George's Marvellous Medicine ' by Roald Dahl and focus upon developing the children's understanding of the four sentence types: statements, commands, questions and exclamations. The children will be writing their own recipes for a gruesome medicine! We will then be using the knowledge gained of Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell to create our own information books.
PE	Gym: The children will explore jumping and landing using apparatus. Games: The children will be exploring group games and inventing rules.
RE	We will begin the term by discussing what we can learn from the lives of Saints . As Easter approaches, we will focus on the significance of Easter for Christians.
PSHCE	The children will explore living in the Wider World and how to make a positive contribution.
Computing	We are painters: we will be learning how to illustrate an e-book based on our topic.
Art	The children will experiment with drawing, painting and printing techniques. They will create portraits of Florence Nightingale and use Andy Warhol as an inspiration to create prints of Florence Nightingale.
Music	We will be exploring reggae music . The children will be continuing to develop their understanding of the interrelated dimensions of music, their singing and their ability to play musical instruments.
Trips/Special Events	World Thinking Day – 22 nd February 2018 (Girl Guides may wear non-uniform) Year 2 SATs talk for parents – 28 th February 2018 (Middle Site) World Book Day – Thursday 1 st March (on site) Florence Nightingale Workshop – 2 nd March 2018 (on site) Parent Teacher Consultations – 7 th & 8 th March 2018 (school finishes 1 hour earlier) Whole School Science Day – 14 th March (on site) Whole School French Day – 16 th March (on site) Diversity Day – 26 th March (on site) Easter Egg Hunt – 28 th March (on site) Last day of term – 29 th March (school finishes 1 hour earlier)

PE will take place twice a week and children will need their full PE kit including named **plimsolls or trainers (ideally trainers)**. Reading at home should continue to be a focus. Children will continue to receive weekly spellings and have homework on a Friday. The homework book will need to be returned for the following Wednesday, ready to ensure it can be marked.

Yours sincerely,

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