



St Mary's CE Primary School

Willows, Oaks and Junipers

Dear Parents,

We hope you have had a lovely half term! This is an outline of the subjects we will be covering this half term.

	<p>Our key question for the half term will be: Why was Florence Nightingale so important?</p> <p>History We will be looking at the life and achievements of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole.</p> <p>For our <i>great work</i>, we will be working towards a group presentation highlighting all that we have learnt about their lives.</p>
Science	We will be exploring what humans need in order to be healthy. Children will describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different food types and hygiene.
Maths	We will revisit fractions and multiplication and division to begin with. Then we will look at data and statistics, focusing on pictograms and bar charts. Moving forward, we will look at capacity and measurements. We will also look at 3D shapes and their properties, revisit telling the 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. We will also use the story, ' The Story of Elizabeth Blackwell ' by Tanya Lee Stone and plan some writing activities around this.
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 be using ' hygiene ' and healthy living as a stimulus.
Computing	We are painters: we will be learning how to illustrate an e-book based on our 'hygiene' 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	<p>Year 2 SATs talk for parents – Date TBC (Middle Site)</p> <p>World Book Week – w/c 4th March</p> <p>Parent Teach Consultations – 6th & 7th March 2018 (school finishes 1 hour earlier)</p> <p>Book Week Dress-Up Day – 8th March</p> <p>Oaks' Class Assembly – 14th March</p> <p>Florence Nightingale Workshop – 22nd March (on site)</p> <p>Easter Egg Hunt – 2nd April (on site)</p> <p>Last day of term – 5th April (school finishes 1 hour earlier)</p>

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.

PE Days remain the same for Oaks and Willows. Junipers will now be Monday and Thursday.

With the sad departure of Mrs Gregory, we welcome **Miss O'Connell** to Oaks class; she will be taking the children every Wednesday and knows most of them already as she has been working with us on a Wednesday for some weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Samantha O'Sullivan (Willows), Ben Egan (Oaks), Paul Manuel (Junipers)