

## Autumn 2 in Year 2—Making a Difference (Stories of Heroic Women)

This term our topic is Making a Difference (Stories of Heroic Women) We will be learning about Grace Darling, Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. We will be reading around our Reading Spine of Little People with Big Ideas! We will find out why they are famous and how they have influenced us today.

**Writing**—Children will be studying three key texts this term that are biography, narrative and adventure texts to encourage our use of exciting vocabulary within our Writing. We continue to write effectively and coherently for different purposes, drawing on the children's reading to inform the vocabulary and grammar of their writing. We will also be moving away from phonics lessons into spelling lessons using Little Wandle Spelling. Through this, we will refer to the phonetic code the children have been learning and focus on using the most appropriate code for our spelling choices.

**Maths**—This term our unit of work focuses on Addition and Subtraction and the variety of methods that will help us to understand and record these calculations. Once the children have grasped the concepts, we will be focusing on reasoning through solving worded problems. Towards the end of this term we will be delving into the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and using the key vocabulary; sides, vertices, faces, edges and identifying symmetry. Our KIRF focus for this term will be to know doubles and halves of any number to 20.

**Science**—In Science we will be looking at us as humans and what keeps us fit and healthy. For example, taking regular exercise, healthy food to eat, hygiene practices including regularly brushing our teeth. We will also be using our identifying and classifying skills, noticing that that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults.

**PE**—In our USports led PE sessions we will be focussing on dribbling and accurate kicking/passing of the ball to our friends honing our football skills. Class teachers will be teaching gymnastics in our PE lessons.

**RE**— We will be learning about the Christmas story and why Christians believe God gave Jesus to the world.

**Art and Design**—This term we will be learning about Picasso's abstract portraits showing different views of facial features, including portraits of Dora Mar and the Weeping Woman. We will be creating an abstract portrait using collage. Towards the end of term we will be designing and sewing our own Christmas decorations.

### History

We will be studying the life and times of Florence Nightingale and her achievements and impact on our lives today. We will also be comparing her to Mary Seacole and thinking about why we know less about her achievements.

**Computing**—Together, we will use Purple Mash to enjoy creating art work on the computer.

**Music**—All learning this term is focused around singing. The children learn folk songs and create sounds to represent three contrasting landscapes: seaside, countryside and city.

**PSHE**—In our PSHE we will be Celebrating Difference in ourselves and others, how we can work together effectively and support each other in personal goals. We will also be discussing bullying, what it means and who we can talk to if the need arises. Finally, there will be a focus on kind play, problem solving and the effectiveness of kind words.



### Dates to remember...

3rd November  
Back to School!

5th November  
Meet and greet Florence  
Nightingale session!

6th November  
School Disco

26th November  
Meet and greet Mary Seacole  
session!

12th November  
Ash Class Cake Sale

Friday 21st November  
Non-uniform day—donations for  
the Christmas Fair

Friday 28th November  
School Christmas Fair

20th December  
School finishes at 1.15pm

