

English

Our fiction writing focus this term is a **journey story**, using the text '**Vlad and the Florence Nightingale Adventure**'. We will be exploring the structure of a story alongside focusing on the features of characterisation, before then writing our own journey stories based upon the text. We will then move onto our non-fiction focus - writing recounts in the style of **biographies**. We will be using texts based upon the lives of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole to support this. We will be continuing with our daily Talk Through Stories and phonics lessons.

History

History is at the heart of our topic this term. Pupils will be learning about the lives of **Florence Nightingale** and **Mary Seacole**, and appreciating how both made our lives better today. We will be engaging in a **comparison study**, investigating the similarities and differences between both nurses and their lives. Children will recognise that as a result of the amazing work of both women many years ago, we celebrate **International Nurses Day** every year on Florence Nightingale's birthday. Finally, children will understand that we have a king who rules us and we have had a king or queen for many years, including when Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale were alive - **Queen Victoria**.

PE

We will begin our gymnastics unit with a focus on balance, travel and movement sequences. The children will work collaboratively on a final sequence to perform to their peers. The children will also be doing **tag rugby** this term.

RE

Our RE focus this half term is '**Prophecy and Promise**'. The children will learn about the importance of Mary and the way we can draw closer to God through Mary. Scriptures we will explore include, The Annunciation, The Visitation, The Birth of Jesus and The Visit of the Shepherds. The children will be given many opportunities to explore these scriptures with Godly play and learn the Hail Mary prayer.

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Angels of Mercy

Music

Our learning in music this term will be focussed around **rhythm in the Way We Walk** (Reggae style) and **Banana Rap** (Hip Hop style). Children will listen to and appraise other styles of music and continue to embed the interrelated dimensions of music through games and singing. We will also be very busy getting ready for our **Christmas production!**

Art

In Art this term, children will be exploring art through the use of ipads. We will be learning how to use the **Paint program** to create a simple picture, **using tools like fill and brushes**, and how we can go back and change our picture. We will then use our knowledge of **lanterns** to draw one, inspired by Florence Nightingale. We will use different materials to bring our lanterns to life.

Maths

We will begin by continuing with our '**addition and subtraction**' within 10 unit. We will be exploring subtraction and finding all eight facts within a fact family. We will then move onto **geometry** where we will be recognising, naming and sorting **2D and 3D shapes**. This will be a very practical unit, with lots of opportunities for learning using many resources.

Computing

In Computing, children will be focusing their learning on **algorithms**. We will be finding out what an algorithm is and programming BeeBots to support our understanding. Pupils will also be creating their own algorithms, and using BeeBots to carry these algorithms out. Children will have an **Online Safety** lesson, where the focus will be Pause for People: learning how to say goodbye to technology, even when we don't want to.