English

During our first term, we will be covering a variety of text types, including stories, diaries and instructions. We will begin the term by studying 'Zagazoo' by Quentin Blake and learning how to write a character description. Then, we will be moving on to write a diary entry from the perspective of Florence Nightingale to help us describe the hospitals in which she worked during the Crimean War. Throughout the term we will embed skills learnt in Year 1 whilst introducing Year 2 grammar and writing features, such as expanded noun phrases.

Science

Our science work this term is all about looking at the basic needs of humans, animals and their young. It is important to look after our bodies so that we can live long and healthy lives. We will look at how eating a varied and nutritious diet and keeping clean and hygienic can keep us safe and well. We will also be conducting simple investigations into how taking regular exercise can help us to stay healthy and why it is so important for both our mental and physical health.

History

As part of our history work this term, the children will be researching and learning about the role of nurses throughout history. We will focus on Mary Seacole, Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell to help us investigate the changes that have been made to improve hospitals' conditions today.

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Happy, Healthy Me!

How Have the Nurturing Nurses

Impacted Us Today?



Maths

We will begin the term by focussing on place value and finding the value of 2-digit numbers, for example, 32 can be partitioned into 3 tens and 2 ones. Using number bonds to 10 and 20, we will also be developing our understanding of addition facts for larger numbers, as well as recapping the names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Building on the children's prior knowledge from Year 1, we will learn new methods that aim to support them in calculating answers accurately and effectively.

Computing

This term we will be practising our fine motor skills to create pictures on 2Paint and learning about some of the artistic styles of famous artists. When thinking about e-safety we will talk about our identity and how we can communicate this safely online.

P.S.H.E.

We will discuss our hopes and fears, rights and responsibilities, rewards and consequences and our class rules within the unit 'Being me in the World'.

<u>Music</u>

We will be listening to Ravel's "Bolero" to help us understand pulse, crescendos and dynamics in 20th Century classical music. Towards the end of term, we will be learning how to follow stick notation to play on the glockenspiel.

<u>P.E.</u>

We will be focusing on football and multi-skills activities, ensuring pupils understand the effect exercise has on their bodies. PE kits will need to stay in school for the rest of the term.

We will start the year by learning "Who God is to Muslims". This will include understanding some of the 99 names and attributes of Allah and how a Muslim may want to show respect.

R.E.

Welcome to Year 2!

On behalf of all the teaching and support staff, we would like to offer you a warm welcome to Year 2! We are very excited to start the new academic year and get to know you all. If you have any queries about your child's learning, please feel free to speak to the class teacher at the start or end of the school day or via the school office. Thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to meeting you all in the next few days.

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<u>Art</u>

This term we will be studying portraits of a variety of artists, particularly Pablo Picasso and Frida Kahlo. We will have opportunities to create our own self-portraits using a variety of methods, such as line drawings, watercolours and collage.