

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to a new term and a new school year. Our topic for this term is Carers and Sharers. We will be finding out about people who have become famous because they were so caring of others, focussing on Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole, Edith Cavell and our own local link to Sue Ryder. This will be taught in a cross-curricular manner. We will be looking at the difference between primary and secondary sources. And use books, paintings, photographs and eye witness accounts. As part of our topic we will be going out into the village to find existing links to Sue Ryder. In art we will be looking at portraits and painting to see how character is portrayed. Cooking will see us making Victorian food for invalids - bread and milk pudding.

Phonics continues in year 1 and year 2. Each day children will have a daily session, on phonics, guided reading, grammar and handwriting. To help children prepare for year 2 expectations we will be using key grammatical terms in the classroom - a guide to these can be found at the back of your child's planner. Please continue to hear your child read daily and note this in the planner also. English will see us investigating fairy tales, retelling our own tales and looking for messages in stories for the reader.

Our science this term looks at the composition of animals and humans. We will look at habitats and how animals care for their young. Maths will continue to focus on the key areas of problem solving, shape, space, measure, number, and data handling. We will be using and applying our mathematical skills through practical activities. Home support with number bonds and times tables is invaluable. Children are required to use facts from the 2, 3, 4 5 and 10 times tables by the end of year 2.

PE kit will be needed for Mondays and Fridays - kit should remain in school until half term please. We will be learning team games skills and Tai Chi. Children in Jupiter Class learn the Ocarina. This will usually be on a Monday. Please ensure your child's ocarina and book are clearly labelled.

PSHE will see us looking at how to adopt a healthy lifestyle, and how as individuals we can make a positive contribution to local, national and international communities. In RE we will be looking at similarities in prayer and worship of Christians and Jews. We will be comparing the festivals of Sukkot and Harvest. Our Collective Worship will focus on the value of thankfulness. The second half term we see us considering the theme of Justice.

ICT will be taught as a cross-curricular support to topic, as well as a discrete subject to equip children with the skills they will need. We will be learning about e-safety, and presenting our findings using software.

We will be performing a version of the Nativity to families and friends at the end of term.

Fruit and a school lunch are provided free of charge in Key Stage 1. Your child may bring an additional healthy snack or a packed lunch if you wish. Please ensure all school clothing and coats are named. Homework will commence in week 3. Please use the school planner for any non urgent notes or queries as the start of the day is an important learning time. Staff are available informally at the end of the day or by making an appointment through the office.