



YEAR 2 CURRICULUM INFORMATION



English

Recounts: We will be writing recounts of our trips to the church and Florence Nightingale Museum using adverbs of time.

Letters: We will be writing letters from Mary Seacole to her family back home sharing her experiences of the Crimean war.

Diary: We will be writing diary entries as Florence Nightingale sharing our thoughts and feelings about the conditions of the hospital in Scutari.

Grammar: The year 2 grammar skills we will be learning include:

- Contractions
- Expanded noun phrases
- Subordinating and coordinating conjunctions
- Punctuation (full stops, question marks, explanation marks and apostrophes)

Please discuss these grammatical features with your children when they are reading and encourage them to check their writing for common mistakes.

Maths

Addition: Solving word problems using an empty number line

Subtraction: Solving word problems using an empty number line

Shape: to identify and recall the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and solve problems involving shape

Measurement: to use a ruler to measure to the nearest cm and mm

Times tables: to recall 2,5 and 10 times tables

Telling the time: to tell the time to o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to

Our topic this half term is:

Hearts and Lanterns



Topic Overview

This half-term we will be delving into the past and discovering more about the inspirational lives of Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale. We will launch the topic with a fascinating trip to the Florence Nightingale Museum at St Thomas' Hospital and meet Florence herself!

Some brilliant books to read:

- **Florence Nightingale Start Up History**
- **Usborne Famous Lives Florence Nightingale**
- **Hoorah for Mary Seacole**
- **Who Was ...? Mary Seacole**

Useful Websites

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/famouspeople/florence_nightingale/

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/florence-nightingale>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/famouspeople/mary_seacole/

Additional Information

Friends of Hillcross

Friends of Hillcross are looking for parent/carer volunteers to support with the Christmas fair—please info www.info@hillcross.merton.sch.uk if you would like to support.

Wet-Play Games

If you have any books or games at home that you've become a little tired with, please donate to our Year 2 classes.

Important Dates

30th October—Pine class trip to the Florence Nightingale Museum

31st October—Yew class trip to the Florence Nightingale Museum

2nd November—Cedar class trip to the Florence Nightingale Museum

6th November—Individual school photos

7th November—Year 2 trip to the church

12th December 14:30-15:00 Year 1 and 2 Christmas Carol Concert

Where can I find out more?

Please see our topic grids to find out more about what we will be learning in Science, Art and Design, History, Geography etc. Also, the SMSC (social, moral, spiritual and cultural) grids will show our how our learning links to British Values, Equalities, Thinking Skills and PSHE

