



# Year 2 Curriculum Information



## English

This half term, we will be writing: a **diary entry** (a day in the life of Florence Nightingale), a **biography** (Mary Seacole) and a **narrative** (based on The Hospital Dog).

We will be focusing on the following skills:

- Using **capital letters** to show the start of a sentence
- Using **full stops** to show the end of a sentence.
- Using **personal** pronouns to write in the first person
- Using **expanded noun phrases** to describe.
- Use **adverbs of time** to sequence.
- Using the **suffix -ed** to write in the past tense.

## Maths

During Autumn 2, we will continue to develop a secure understanding of number composition and develop strategies for the following:-

- **Addition and subtraction** of two digit and single digit number
- **More and Less** with a focus on multiples of ten
- **Multiplication** to represent equal groups
- Starting to look at times tables with a focus on groups of 2 and commutativity.
- Read and write numbers to at least 100 in numerals and in words
- Use place value and number facts to solve problems

## Useful Websites

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zns9nrd/articles/znsct39-Who was Florence Nightingale?](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zns9nrd/articles/znsct39-Who%20was%20Florence%20Nightingale?)

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zns9nrd/articles/zjsxcqt-Who was Mary Seacole?](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zns9nrd/articles/zjsxcqt-Who%20was%20Mary%20Seacole?)

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z6882hv/articles/zx38wmn-What do animals need to survive?](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z6882hv/articles/zx38wmn-What%20do%20animals%20need%20to%20survive?)



## Some brilliant books to read:

- Hoorah for Mary Seacole** by Tim Cooke and Anni Anxworthy
- Little People Big Dreams Florence Nightingale** by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara
- Fantastically Great Women who Changed the World** by Kate Pankhurst
- The Hospital Dog** Julia Donaldson

## Our topic this half term is:

### Hearts and Lanterns

This half term our Year 2 topic is 'Hearts and Lanterns.' The learning will focus on Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. Within this topic, children will explore how these key women influenced medicine. They will also learn about equalities and gender. In DT, the children will be designing and making their own hand puppets. Children will be focussing on the skill of joining fabrics together by sewing. In science we will look at how humans and other animals survive by researching their basic needs as well as recognising what it means to be healthy.

## How can I develop my understanding of this topic further?

- Work with your family or a group of friends to perform a story of your choice (it could even be one you create together). This could be based on 'The Hospital Dog' or one of your all time favourite books. Record the performance.
- Invent a new nurse's outfit that Florence Nightingale or Mary Seacole could have worn-. Draw and label this outfit.
- Write a fact file about Florence Nightingale or Mary Seacole. Include at least 8 facts and a question in your fact file.
- Keeping healthy is so important for your heart - Go for a run, jog or walk with your family. Write a paragraph explaining why it is important to stay healthy.

