

Year 2 Autumn 2

Welcome back to Year 2! We hope you have all had a lovely half-term break and are ready for another exciting half-term of learning. The children have made a fantastic start to Year 2 and we are looking forward to building on their hard work as we head towards Christmas. We have lots of exciting learning and activities planned, including our trips to Fort Nelson and Aldershot Cineworld.

Topic overview:

Science: Habitats

History: Significant people: how has nursing changed in the past 200 years?

PSHE: Celebrating our Differences

Art: Sculpture – textured Christmas ornaments

DT: Cooking & Nutrition – making healthy wraps

RE: Waiting – advent and Christianity

Computing: Online Safety – managing online information
Creating media – digital photography

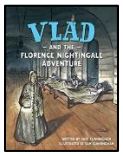
PE: Run, jump, throw and gymnastics

Music: Christmas is Coming – pitch and duration

What is this topic about?

This half term, our learning will have a History focus as we explore The History of Nursing. The children will learn about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole, discovering how they cared for wounded soldiers during the Crimean War and helped to improve nursing.

In English, we will revisit a familiar character from Year 1, Vlad the Flea! This time, Vlad is visiting Florence Nightingale at Scutari Hospital. The children will write letters home from Vlad's perspective, describing his experiences.



In Art, we will take inspiration from Heather Knight, using clay to sculpt Christmas ornaments and decorating them with interesting textures and patterns. In Science, we will continue exploring living things and their habitats, learning how plants and animals are suited to their environments.

Our Trips!

On Tuesday 17th November, we will be visiting Fort Nelson to support our learning about Florence Nightingale. Please ensure your child arrives at school by 8:20am so we can depart promptly at 8:30am. It is also important that you register your child's attendance on Arbor and return the slip detailing their choice of packed lunch.



Key dates:

Monday 2nd November- Inset day

w/c Monday 2nd November – Week of inspirational maths

Thursday 12th November- KS1 Poetry Day

w/c Monday 16th November – Anti-bullying week

Tuesday 17th November – Fort Nelson trip

Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th November- Parents evening

Wednesday 18th November – School nurse appointments available.

Thursday 3rd December – Nativity rehearsal at church. 9-11am.

Friday 4th December – Nativity play in church 9-11am.
Thursday 10th December – Santa's Grotto 3.30-5.30pm (more details will follow)

Friday 18th December- Christmas jumper and lunch. End of term.

Tuesday 5th January – Return to school for spring term

Online Safety: Preparing Children for a Digital World

Technology is constantly evolving and so is our approach to teaching online safety! This year, our teaching team has been working hard to review and update our online safety curriculum to ensure it reflects the ever-changing digital world and the needs of our children.

Our curriculum is shaped by Education for a Connected World, a national framework designed to equip children and young people with the knowledge and skills they need to navigate the online world safely, responsibly and confidently.

The framework outlines what children should know and understand at different ages and stages, covering important topics such as online relationships, privacy, managing information and keeping themselves safe.



Want to know more about what your child is learning? Parents and carers can explore the framework to see the online safety knowledge and skills children are encouraged to develop as they grow.

You can read the full document here: Education for a Connected World – UKCIS

Recommended reads:



Key Vocabulary:

