

Year One Newsletter

Our topic for the term: **Help! Focusing on heroes and history.**

Driving Question: How can we improve our school to make sure everyone's health is looked after?

Literacy

Our new text for the term is 'People who help us.' We will be learning this information text over the next few weeks then the children will be writing their own. We have provided a copy of the text for you to share at home. Look out for alliteration in the text. Alliteration is when the words all start with the same sounds e.g. shiny star, shimmers. We will discuss the importance of people who help us and why they are everyday heroes. This will include their job role, their uniform and the transport and equipment they may use. The children will also become historians and will write their own reports to compare hospitals and the role of nurses past and present. We will also be ensuring we always use the correct punctuation at the end of a sentence (full stop, exclamation mark or a question mark.)

At home: Remember to read your books daily. **Handwriting** –We would like to recommend a great APP we are using in school which you can download if you have a tablet at home. It is called 'Singing handwriting.' Make sure you choose the British version of the letters. Find it on: <http://hatch-works.com/singalong-cursive-handwriting/>



Numeracy

In maths this term we are going to look at addition and subtraction to 20 and beyond once secure. We will then focus on the days of the week and towards the end of the term we will revisit counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.

At home: Remember to keep practising your number bonds to 20 using this simple game (remember to use your number bonds to 10 to help!) <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?b=maths/addition>

PE and Forest School

As you know, PE slots are as follows: **Holly class on Tuesday and Hazel class on a Friday.** Please make sure you are sending your child with warm P.E. clothes for our outdoor sessions including black jumpers, jogging bottoms, trainers and socks. Can you also ensure that your child is not wearing earrings on PE days please. This term we will be learning to sequence moves using apparatus in our indoor PE sessions. In outdoor PE, we are practising our ball skills through playing basic team games and we will be using rackets to show control in our movements. As you know, Forest School slots will stay the same this term: **Holly class on a Monday and Hazel class on a Tuesday.** Please make sure that your child has brought in their Forest School clothes, wellingtons and a waterproof coat with their names on.

Creative Curriculum

Our focus will primarily be history. We are going to learn about the Crimean War and how Florence Nightingale (like the nice nurse in our information text) saved many soldiers. We will find out about her life and how her actions have improved hospitals today. The children will need to be able to use the terms: history, past, present, war, soldier, hospital. We are also going to talk about other people who help us like policemen, firemen and post officers. We hope to get a few visitors in to talk to the children about their jobs.

At home: Learn about Florence Nightingale by watching this clip: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p015j6sc> Visit the library and research what it was like to live in the 1800's during the Crimean War.

Information you need to know

- **Attendance:** please remember to send pupils in every day as they receive a certificate and a prize for achieving 100%.
- Each class will be deciding their **class reward** this week. They will be earning 'flames' in the oil lamp and when it is fully 'lit' (they are made of paper) they will get their reward.
- **Students:** We have a trainee teacher starting with us in Holly Class this term and will be with us until the end of the academic year.
- **Can you help?** Do you do a job where you are a hero or do you know someone who does? (For example: nurses, doctors, dentists, soldiers, policemen, firemen or vet.) If you do, please let us know!

Dates

- Monday 4th January – Start of Term 3
- Friday 12th February – End of Term 3
- Monday 22nd February – Term 4 Starts

Here is a copy of our text we will be learning.

People who help us

People who help us in our everyday life could be called our heroes.

Most people who help us are easy to identify as they wear a special and smart uniform that tells us who they are.

They could be a nurse, a fireman or a policeman.

Also, they may wear a badge and use special equipment.

One important helpful hero is a nurse. When they are on duty, they look after ill patients, making sure people are safe. They can be men or women but they must be brave, fit and healthy.

Identity badge



Pens for patient notes

Smart shirt

Unfortunately, some people become ill and have to be taken to a hospital. Luckily, nurses work through the day and the night to make sure we are always safe.

Would you be brave and caring enough to be a nurse?