

# 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; 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 support your child to read their reading books daily. You will be sent a separate letter next term about Lexia and how you can support your child's reading and Literacy using this app at home.

## Maths

In maths this term we are going to be looking at numbers to 20. We will make sure that we can read and write all these numbers as well as ordering them, comparing them and partitioning them into tens and ones. We will then move onto adding and subtracting using our numbers to 20. We will be building on the skills we have learnt last term using part, part whole models and number lines to help us add and subtract, as well as learning our number bonds.

**At home:** Remember to keep practising your number bonds to 10 and 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

For next term, PE slots are swapping and as follows: **Hazel class on Wednesday and Holly class on a Monday.** 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.

We will also be swapping Forest School sessions: **Hazel class on a Monday and Holly class on a Wednesday.** 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> you could visit the library and research what it was like to live in the 1800's during the Crimean War.

## Information you need to know

- 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.
- **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

- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – start of term 3
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January – homework projects due
- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – KS1 bedtime stories event (separate letter to follow)
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – last day of term 3
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – INSET day school closed
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – start of term 4

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

## People who help us

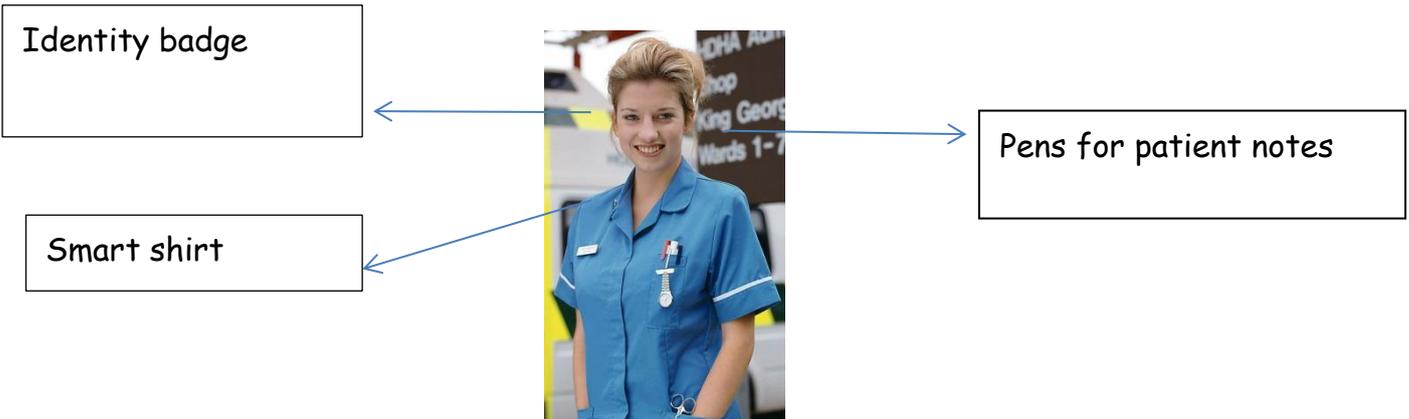
People who help us in our everyday life could be called our heroes.

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.



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?