

Topic

Our Topic has changed this term, with us looking into the life of Florence Nightingale. We will be focusing on the differences in nursing throughout the years, the important influence she had on nursing today and the different stages of her life.

English

For English this half term we will be using the Scheme 'Talk 4 Writing' to deliver Fiction and Non-Fiction texts. This scheme involves using images and actions to be able to retell a piece of text.

The texts being:

- 'The Wanted: The Perfect Pet'
- 'The Magic Porridge Pot'

We will also be concentrating on Compound words and speech marks, as well as recapping on previous punctuation learnt, for instance nouns, adverb and verbs.

Reading

Reading this year for the Squirrels class is still essential as it really does have a huge impact on their learning throughout the curriculum, specifically with their writing and phonics. Please do support your child to ensure that they read daily, and that you sign their planner to evidence this.

Maths

Squirrels will continue to follow the maths mastery scheme; however, they will be covering new topics.

The topics being covered this half term will be:

- Addition and subtraction within 100
- Money
- Multiplication and Division



ClassDojo

We will be continue using this system with the children.

Dojo is a great method of communication and if you need to speak to Mrs Stead or I, it would be greatly appreciated if you could contact us on ClassDojo and come in and see us in school before the day starts. It is extremely important that Mrs Stead and I get the children into school as quickly as possible so discussing things at drop-off is not ideal.

Thank you.

Homework

- Maths: This will be number bonds within 100
- Reading: I would encourage all children to read something every evening. I will be looking at reading records regularly and awarding points for keen and enthusiastic readers and there will be a prize given weekly.
- Spellings: The children will be given a block of spellings. These are split into blocks and they will be told which block to learn each week.
- Sumdog every week.
- Phonics screening practice.

PE is an important part of your child's education, so please make sure their kit is in school every week.
Can I also remind parents to take out earrings otherwise the children cannot participate in PE.
PE day: Monday and Thursday