

## Dear Parents,

We hope you find all of the information you need in this letter. Please do come and talk to your child's class teacher if you have any queries.

The Year 2 team

### History: Nurturing Nurses

In history we are learning about significant people. We will be looking at Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell and how they changed hospitals and nursing over time. Based on this, we are also training to become Hospital Heroes! We will be using what we are learning to solve a real life situation involving hospitals.

### Mathematics

We are starting this term by introducing data handling (block diagrams and pictograms). We will then be looking at multiplication and division using arrays, groups and times tables. In year 2, we focus on our 2, 5 and 10 times tables and division facts linked to these. We will also revisit fractions (half, quarter, third and whole of shapes and amounts).

### PE

We have PE on a **Monday**.

**2D** has dance on a **Wednesday** while **2W** has dance on a **Thursday**.

**For PE your child will need:** a yellow t-shirt, black shorts or sports trousers and trainers.

They will also need this kit for any sports clubs.

## Nurturing Nurses

### Spring 1 in Year 2



### ICT

In Shirley Warren we always ensure children can use the Internet safely. This half term we will be focusing on creating avatars. We will start to look at programming using programmes such as Scratch.

### English

In English, we will be continuing to focus on grammar skills as part of our writing, such as sentence structure (capital letters, verbs, full stops, etc.), expanded noun phrases (e.g. The blue, wonderful, stripy butterfly) and apostrophes (e.g. don't; Stickman's child). We will also be looking at using the correct tense consistently (e.g. present: swim; past: swam; continuous present: swimming). We'll also be looking at spelling rules during phonics to help with more complicated spellings. This writing will happen in the context of our topic, Nurturing Nurses, through letters, diary entries, recounts and non-chronological reports.

### Geography: Jamaica

This term in geography, we will be looking at Jamaica. We will be comparing Kingston with Southampton and looking at the features of Jamaica. We will also be looking at Jamaican art and artists.

# How can I help my child at home?

## Mathematics

### Telling Time:

Encourage children to tell the time on an analog clock on the hour and half past the hour.

### Times tables:

Practice counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s. We will also be learning our 2, 5 and 10 times tables in Year 2.

### Talk about sharing and fractions:

When sharing food, talk about fractions or the number of groups.

### **Don't forget your child can use Sumdog at home!**

We check our children who answer the most questions and the most accurate children every week! If your child needs their Sumdog log-in for home, please let your child's class teacher know and they will provide you with a copy.

## English

### Read, read, read!

Please make sure your child reads to you daily. Reading helps develop their vocabulary and imagination; it helps improve their writing and concentration skills, and it calms them down at bedtime!

They will have a home-school reader book and a library book. We aim to change the home-school reader book twice a week (on a Tuesday and a Friday) after the children have read the book twice. Please remember to write in their reading logs if they have read with you so they can get new, exciting books.

Also, the Book Stars should be coloured every time that your child has read a book with you. They get a treat when they have coloured all of their stars!

### Spellings

We will be sending spellings home with your child this term. They have learnt some different games to play with the words and should be able to show you these so that they can practice their spellings in a fun way.

## Homework, home-reading and library books

Homework in Year 2 is being sent home on a **Monday and is** due back by the **Friday**.

Home-reading books will be changed on **Tuesdays and Fridays**, but it is helpful to have them in school everyday for one-to-one reading.

Library books only need to be brought in on **Fridays**, ready to be changed.