Year 1/2

Autumn 1

Incredible Individuals: Florence Nightingale

Literacy

Key Text: The Extraordinary Life of Mary Seacole by Naida Redgrave

Purpose for writing: Character Description (to entertain) and Fact File/Biography (to inform).

Writing: Children will identify the language used in a charter description of Mary Seacole and will use this to write a character description of Florence Nightingale. They will use simple sentences to create a clear description of the character. They will then learn to write a fact file/biography based on the life of Mary Seacole. During this, they will explore the use of organizational features and will continue to focus on the word classes explored in the previous unit. They will also learn about changing verbs to be past tense. They will use these skills to write a fact file/biography about Florence Nightingale.

Grammar: Children will learn to correctly punctuate sentences using capital letters and full stops and will learn about the use of different word classes (nouns, verbs and adjectives).

Word reading/Comprehension: The children will focus on how we can retrieve information from a text and use this to develop their own explanations. They will also explore the meaning of new words, the sequence of events and how to make informed predictions based on what they hae read.

Computing

Focus: Online Safety and how to search effectively.

Maths

Key Facts: count forwards and backwards to 20/100; recognize the +, - and = symbol; number bonds to 10.

Place Value: Year 1 children will consolidate their knowledge of numbers to 20, learning to represent numbers in many ways. They will begin writing numbers as words and will be introduced to using the <, > and = signs to compare numbers. Year 2 children will be given opportunities to consolidate their place value skills from Year 1, before applying their knowledge to larger numbers, focusing on numbers within 100.

Addition and Subtraction: Year 1 will be introduced to a part-part-whole model as a way of representing addition and subtraction problems. They will focus on learning number bonds to 10, adding by counting more and subtracting by finding how many left. Year 2 will recap their learning of number bonds and apply this to number bonds to 20 and 100. They will learn an array of different methods to solve increasingly complex addition and subtraction problems.

History

Focus: Changes in nursing from the Victorian Era to now due to Florence Nightingale.

The children will develop an understanding of what life was like in the Victorian Era, exploring schools, home life, jobs and key events. The children will then learn about a significant individual from the time period - Florence Nightingale. They will discover how Florence Nightingale became a nurse and the changes she implemented that changed nursing for the better. Children will then use their knowledge of nursing in the Victorian Era and compare it to nursing now.

Science

Biology: Animals Including Humans

The pupils will be learning about the different parts of their body and will use scientific vocabulary to name important parts of the body and skeleton, including vital organs. They will explore the 5 senses through simple investigations and they will be able to match each sense to the correct body part. They will explore what effect exercise has on the body. They will think about how exercise makes them feel and why exercise is important. The pupils will explore the basic needs of survival for a human (food, water and air) and will think about what things are 'wants' and what things are 'needs'. The children will then explore healthy eating will create a healthy meal. They will also look at the importance of good hygiene and will carry out a simple experiment to show how we should effectively wash our hands.

Music

Focus: Understand how pulse, rhythm and pitch work together.

PE

Focus: Agility, balance, co - ordination via movement patterns

Art

Focus: Drawing

Children will explore different mediums (pencils, charcoal and oil pastels) through drawing, to create a portrait of Florence Nightingale.

PSHE

Focus: Understand what and who keeps us healthy and safe.

RE

Focus: Explore who is a Muslim and how they live.