



Mary Seacole

Year 1 Spring 1

This half term, your child will be learning about the life of Mary Seacole and about health and hospitals. Here are some things you could do with your child to help them:

- Research Mary Seacole and why she is famous.
- If you have someone in your family who works in healthcare, your child could ask them about their work.
- Read about hospitals and how to be healthy. You can look in the library for some books.



English

This half term the children will be focusing on non-fiction writing. We will be looking at lots of different fact books about health, hospitals and nurses and other topics of which they will use to help inform their writing.

A follow on from this is to create a piece of writing based around Mary Seacole's life and her influence in changing hospitals and societal attitudes, whilst discussing whether we think what we have found out is fact or fiction.

At home:

Read with your child regularly and help them move up the reading rockets.

Support your child's learning of their weekly spellings or green and red words.

Maths

This half term the children will be working on ordering numbers on a number line and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will also be learning the names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes, learning how to tell the time and how to use coins.

You can help your child by talking to them about money, particularly coins when paying for items. Try to show your child clocks and watches you have at home and explain how you tell the time with them.

Don't forget! Every week there is a maths challenge on sent via e-mail, your child gets a dojo for every completed task.

Science: This half term the focus is what animals and humans need to survive and be healthy. The children will learn about the importance of water, air and food and why exercise, hygiene and different foods are important for humans to stay healthy.

DT: We will be building a hospital and thinking about what we would need to be healthy. We will create this using cardboard shoe boxes.

RE: We will be talking about our own special books and why the Bible and Torah are special to Christians and Jews.

PE: The focus this half term is dance and we will be creating traditional themed dances.

History: The children will be learning about the life of Mary Seacole and how hospitals have changed.

Vocabulary: Below are some key words that we will be teaching and using within our lessons over the next half term;

**Food groups Healthy Human Hospital Nurse Change Bible
Torah Christian Jew Flap Fold Stiffer**

We will need lots of shoe boxes for our DT work. If you have any empty shoe boxes at home, please bring them to school asap.

Please could your child bring in a book that is special to them for the first day back at school, Tuesday 7th January. Thank you.