



Textiles

Year 2 Autumn 2



English

Fireworks and Autumn Poetry Florence Nightingale Diaries Disgusting Sandwich Story and instructions

This term we will be carrying out a range of pieces of writing linked to our topic. Our fireworks shape poems will give us a chance to learn about adjectives and similes and we will be using these to describe night time scenes, we will then use these skills to complete independent Autumn poems.

We will then be using our topic work on Florence Nightingale as the basis for writing diary entries, pretending that we are nurses visiting the Crimea.

Finally, we will be writing stories based on The Disgusting Sandwich by Gareth Edwards. We will retell the original story, with a particular emphasis on expanded noun phrases and then write our own versions using our school as a setting. Watch out for your Christmas presents! The children then will have the opportunity to follow their own instructions on making a disgusting sandwich.



History

Our history this term will be around the 'lady of the lamp' Florence Nightingale. We will be learning about why she is important to remember and the differences she made. We will be comparing her to Mary Seacole, another nurse who made a big difference around the same period.

At home

If you get a chance, there is a Florence Nightingale museum near Waterloo you can visit.

Visit the BBC Florence Nightingale for lots of facts and games about her life.

Maths



This half term we will be continuing to follow the White Rose Maths scheme. We will be starting to learn to use more pictorial methods to solve addition and subtraction problems. As well as using Numicon and dienes, we will start to learn to draw representations of numbers and then use these to solve problems.

We will then be looking at comparing addition and subtraction number sentences to establish which has the greatest and smallest answer. We will finish this block off by solving some missing number problems.

Before Christmas we will begin to learn about shape. We will be focusing on 2D and 3D shapes and their properties e.g. edges, vertices, faces, lines of symmetry and making patterns using shapes. We will also sort shapes based on their properties and make patterns with them.

At home

See how many different 3D shapes you can spot around your house e.g. fridge = cuboid.



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Art/DT

In DT we will be designing and making Christmas hand puppets. Firstly we will explore different types of puppets and then design our own Christmas character. We will learn about different techniques for joining materials and having a go at different sewing skills. Then we will use our cutting and sewing skills to make the hand puppet before adding features.

At home

Can you make your own shadow puppets of your favourite characters?



Use your sewing skills to create your own Christmas craft - how about a bookmark as a present for a family member?



RE and world views

We will continue to learn about Islam.

We will also be learning about how Christians celebrate Christmas and retelling the Christmas story. We will also be looking at the importance of giving and thinking about what we can give this Christmas.

At home

You could have a look at some charities you could support such as Operation Christmas and the Shoebox appeal.



PE

We will be continuing to have coaches this term to support us in our games lessons. We will begin to learn different invasion games using the skills we have learned so far this term, including netball, handball and basketball.

The children will also be taking part in drumba lessons which links PE and Music. Yoga will take place each Friday pm.

PSHE

We are learning about Firework safety in PSHE. Our values are Freedom and Peace this half term. We will be thinking about these in the context of Armistice Day and working together. We will also be exploring Growth Mindset by thinking about how we can use mistakes in a positive way to learn.

We will also be looking at different emotions and recapping Zones of regulation.

Music

We will be starting to prepare our performance for our Christmas show. Watch this space for the song lyrics being sent home to have a go at. They are very catchy!

We will also be continuing our Charanga units.

Computing

This half term our focus is on creating algorithms using the app Scratch Jr. This app is available to download for free if you would like to use it at home. We will be carrying out increasingly challenging tasks to solve problems and create our own codes.

