



Autumn 1 Newsletter



NORTHSIDE Year 2

Respect, Pride, Inclusion, Challenge, Creativity, Resilience

Dear parents/carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday and you are ready for the start of a new year. Our topic this term is 'Heroes.' Not only will we be reading superhero stories as a stimulus for our English lessons but we will also be learning about significant heroes from the past such as Mary Seacole, Florence Nightingale and Rufaida Al-Aslamia.

Homework: Your child will receive spellings which will be posted on EdShed each week for them to learn. You can access a 'spelling strategy sheet' to help your child learn their spellings too which is on the class page. Spelling tests will be every Friday.

Maths homework will be posted on MyMaths and there will be tasks that reflect the topic they are learning in class. By the end of Year 2, pupils need to know their 10, 5, 2 and 3 times tables and they will be tested on their target times table every Thursday. Their times table target will be recorded in their reading record and will be updated accordingly. Your child will receive a login for Times Table Rockstars in the coming months. This is a fun platform for your child to practise their times tables. Please encourage your child to engage in this.

Personalised homework tasks may be sent home for your child to complete to support with their learning should they need it. All homework tasks will be closely monitored so please complete all tasks set.

Important dates:

Meet the teacher – 15.09.26

Class Trip: Florence Nightingale Museum –14.10.26

English 	We will be learning: • nouns (common nouns, proper nouns and compound nouns) • adjectives and verbs • different sentence types (statements, exclamation, questions and commands) • punctuation (full stops, exclamation marks, question marks, full stops) • noun phrases We will also be writing: • a story • a set of instructions • a poem
Reading 	We will be answering comprehension questions using: • fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts We will be: • revising phase 5 phonics sounds • using retrieval skills to find key words in questions and texts • making predictions and giving reasons for them • using role play and other drama techniques to identify and explore characters

Mathematics 	We will be: • reading numbers to 100 • writing numbers up to 100 in numerals and words • representing and estimating numbers and amounts • recognising the place value of each digit • comparing and ordering numbers from 0 to 100 • counting in steps of 10, 5, 2 and 3 • recalling addition and subtraction facts to 20 • adding and subtracting numbers using concrete objects and pictorial representations
Science 	Our science topic this half-term is 'Animals including Humans' where we will be focusing on what it means to be healthy and what we need to survive. We will be learning: • where different foods come from • what healthy and unhealthy food choices are • the 5 food groups • food portions and eating the right amount • the importance of exercise • what good and bad hygiene habits are
Foundation subjects: 	P.E: We will be learning fundamental ball skills and developing our gymnastics skills. D.T: In our DT lessons we will be preparing and making fruit kebabs. History: We will be learning about significant individuals from the past such as Mary Seacole, Florence Nightingale and Rifaida Al-Aslamia and their impact. R.E: BQ1- What is real? We will be learning about what different religion and worldviews teach about what is real and what is not. R.S.H.E: In our RSHE lessons we will be identifying the similarities and things we have in common with others and learning how to play and work co-operatively in different groups and situations. Computing: We will be learning about computer systems and networking. Music: The music will be based on the picture book, The Opposite. The children will be learning to sing Hello Goodbye (Beatles) and a variety of other themed songs.

Contact information:

year2@northsideprimary.co.uk to arrange a meeting or discuss issues specific to your child.

You can text any issues/questions/suggestions using the class mobile. This is the same number you used when your children were in Year 1.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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