



THE PHOENIX SCHOOL

What's happening in Year 2 this half term?

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Dear Parents

Happy New Year to you all! We hope that you have had a good break and are ready for a new, busy and exciting term in Year Two. The following information will give you a brief outline of what your child will be learning in school this term.

Literacy

In Literacy, our big book texts will be based around traditional/folk stories from other cultures, stories by Jan Mark and instructional texts. The children will also be focusing on a range of Greek Myths and Legends. If you have any relevant books at home, please send them to school with your child, as part of the excitement associated with mythical tales comes from the fact that there can be more than one version of the same story. Our Jolly Grammar sessions will focus on verbs and adverbs, homophones, using a dictionary, proof reading and ways to expand a sentence. The children will continue to be tested on a new spelling pattern every week and develop their handwriting skills. They will also be given regular opportunities to improve their independent and creative writing skills in activities such as story writing and planning.

Numeracy

In Numeracy, we would like to continue giving the children a brief mental maths test every Friday based on the skills learnt during the week's maths lessons. Topics we will cover include: ordinal numbers, measures including weighing and time, data handling, fractions, multiplication and division. We will also continue to focus on developing the children's addition and subtraction skills. Please encourage your child to complete their maths homework and hand it in independently. You may also wish to consolidate times tables skills at home such as 2's, 3's, 4's, 5's and 10's.

History

Our History topic this term will explore the life and significance of Florence Nightingale and why we remember her. We will be taking the children on a trip to the National Army Museum in Chelsea (date to be confirmed). Here, they will take part in a workshop about Florence and her valuable work. The children will be able to view many Florence Nightingale artefacts, including her famous lamp. The children will also compare and contrast the life of Florence Nightingale to that of Mary Seacole, another famous nurse.

Science

Science work will be based around 'Grouping and Changing Materials'. The children will be sorting materials according to their different properties and investigating how materials change, such as when they are heated, cooled or manipulated. They will also begin to develop their understanding of fair testing.

ICT

In ICT, our work will encourage the children to use different tools to find out information such as CD-ROMs, indexes and search engines. The children will continue their fortnightly visits to the Junior Branch for ICT and library book changing sessions.

It promises to be a stimulating and exciting term!

Kind regards

Mrs Landau and Mr Thorne

