

# Deal Castle Class

## March 2019

We are well into our new term and the children are settled and working hard. On a personal note, it is good to be back and the children have been looking after me and my hand! Thank you for all you messages of support.

This term, we are learning about Florence Nightingale and people who help us. I will be sending homework with this newsletter.

Next week is Assessment Week where the children will have the opportunity to show us all they have learnt.

## Our learning this term will be mainly about: Florence Nightingale

### Literacy—Writing:

We will continue to teach the majority of our Literacy through the class project of Florence Nightingale.

We will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to our project and we will be using this as starting point for our writing.

Over the next term in our writing we will be concentrating on:

- Reading and discussing stories. We will be looking at 'Gorilla' by Anthony Browne. We will be learning to retell it by using actions and drawing symbols and then writing our own version. We will change the characters and events in the story. We will be learning how to use different sentence types in our writing.
- Report writing. We will be writing about Florence Nightingale. We will be learning how to use features in our writing such as an introduction, questions and lists.
- Sequencing—We will be sequencing events from parts of a story and from Florence Nightingale's life.
- Writing recounts. We are lucky enough to have Florence Nightingale visiting our class! We will be writing a recount all about her visit.

### Integrated Learning:

This term we will be learning all about 'Florence Nightingale' and although our focus will be history our topic learning will include lots of different subjects. Here are some of the things that we will be learning and doing:

- Learn about people who help us in our school and the local community.
- Sequence events in her life.
- Compare hospitals and nursing from then with modern day practices.
- Draw a portrait of Florence Nightingale.
- Create a word document on Purple Mash about Florence Nightingale.
- The impact she has had on nursing today.
- To locate and label the continents and countries.
- To make simple maps and plans.



### English—Reading:

In daily Sounds-Write sessions some children will be:

- Learning to segment and blend sounds in 5 and 6 sound words.
- Learning to read and spell multi-syllable words
- Some children will be working with-in the Extended Code. This is the part of Sounds Write which addresses the more complex spellings of different sounds.

If your child is bringing home spellings, please can you help them to learn how to spell the words before the following Friday when they are tested.

### PE

In PE this term we will be learning to catch and throw to improve our ball skills. We will use these skills in simple team games.

After Easter, the Year 2 children will be swimming on Thursday mornings. More information to follow.

### Coins in a Bottle!

The children have loved collecting five pence pieces to fill our class bottle! It has brought out their competitive streaks! Thank you so much for all your support.

The money raised will be used by the PTFA to build us an outdoor classroom.



### Numeracy

This term, in numeracy sessions, we will be revisiting division and introducing fractions. The children will be learning to find fractions of shapes and amounts.

We will also be learning :

- About place value
- To count and order numbers
- To add, subtract and multiply
- To use money
- To measure weight, length and time.

### Science:

This term in Science we are learning all about the importance of exercise, healthy eating and hygiene for humans.

Science will be part of our topic

We will be learning:

- How our bodies change when we exercise.
- How to make sensible choices about the food we eat.
- How to keep clean and prevent the spread of germs

### Diary dates:

18th March—Assessment Week

28th March- Class Assembly-2.40pm

29th March- Non-uniform day-  
children to bring in Easter Eggs

4th April-End of term Achievement  
Assembly

5th April-Spring Service at  
St. Augustine's Church

5th April-End of term 4

23rd April-Term 4 begins