



Blue Class Home Learning

Friday 8th February 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have combined our History topic with our English work. We began the week by looking at photographs of Florence Nightingale and thinking about, and writing, our own questions to identify things we would like to find out about her life and work. Then we did some research about her and drew time line story maps. Next week we will be using this research to write a fact file. In Maths this week, we have been learning about halving quantities. In Science, we have continued our work about trees naming and labelling the main parts of a tree. We have also continued our carousel of activities for Art, Computing and DT. Our groups have rotated throughout the term and a new group of children have been creating pictures in the style of Van Gogh, editing photographs and making healthy soup. In PE, we had fun learning how to pass a ball with a hockey stick and to travel and balance in gymnastics.

Suggested homework ideas:

Reading: Please continue to read with your child for at least **15 minutes every day**, supporting them with their decoding and comprehension skills.

Please be reminded to use your child's green reading record book to let us know when their books have been read and need changing. A few children are forgetting to put their books in the changing books box so if you think that your child needs support with remembering to change their reading book, please encourage them to enter school holding their green book in their hand.

Phonics: In phonics this week we have been reviewing and assessing the sounds that the children have learnt this term, in preparation for regrouping the children next term.

Spelling: We are continuing to encourage the pupils to correctly spell all learnt tricky words within their written work. We are currently revising the Year 1 common exception words, i.e. words that are not written phonetically, and would ask you to encourage your child to write the spelling words in sentences. This week's spellings are: **he, me**. Please prompt your child to use a capital letter at the beginning of the sentence as well as using finger spaces and a full stop at the end, if they do not do this automatically. Your child might like to challenge themselves further by including an adjective in their sentences e.g. 'He has a little green tree in his enormous garden.' Perhaps you could try practising with chalks, crayons, paints or by encouraging your child to type their sentence using a computer keyboard.

Mathletics: We have reviewed the activities on Mathletics and have decided to allow the children to see all the activities available. Your child can work through and complete these at their own pace. We will continue to set weekly tasks related to our learning. If you cannot access Mathletics your child could practise halving quantities (amounts) e.g. 1p coins, food or Lego bricks up to 20.

Busy Books: Following on from our History work your child might like to do their own research about Florence Nightingale.

Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day - children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character (more details to follow).

Friday 15th March - Comic Relief - our theme this year is 'Wild Hair and Red Clothes' for a suggested donation of £1.00.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Azzopardi, Mrs Tuft, Mrs Dearing and Mrs Savoury