



Purple Class Home Learning

Friday 8th February 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have combined our History and Literacy learning. We began the week by exploring photographs of Florence Nightingale and used these to compose questions to find out more information about her. We enjoyed researching about her life, work and the impact she had on hospitals today. Next week we will use our research to write fact files about her. In Maths, we have been halving numbers and have used practical and pictorial methods to help us with this. We have applied this understanding by solving word problems and carrying out mathematical investigations. In Science, we have continued our learning about trees, naming and labelling the main parts. In RE we have continued thinking about sacred artefacts with a focus on the Islamic faith and Muslims. We deepened our understanding of Vincent van Gogh and Wassily Kandinsky in Art by thinking about the similarities and differences between their work. In addition, we challenged ourselves to create digital versions of their work using a computer paint program. In PE, we have revisited sending and receiving, using hockey sticks to challenge our skills.

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

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 learning, your child may like to do their own research about Florence Nightingale's life and work.

Class Treat: As you know, Purple Class have been working hard for their end of term treat and are very close to having 20 gems. The children have chosen to have a movie day this time, and this will take place on the last day of term (15th February), if all of our gems have been collected. They have asked for popcorn as an extra treat but if your child is unable to eat popcorn please let us know in advance of Friday 15th. The children have also asked if they can bring in a cuddly toy to hold during the movie. Whilst we are happy for this to happen please ensure that it is no bigger than medium size.

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 look forward to seeing you next week at Parent Consultations.

Miss Seymour, Mrs Staines and Mrs Savoury