

Reading Books.

Children have started to take home reader books home. Please read with your child and comment in their reading records. Books will be changed on Mondays and Fridays if the book has been read and signed.

PE

Ibn Abass -Monday AM

Ibn Zayd - Monday PM

Bint Abee Bakr - Friday AM

Please ensure all clothing and uniform is clearly labelled.

Homework

Homework is given to build upon the mathematical strategies and writing techniques pupils have been practicing in class. It is crucial that you spend time with your child helping to consolidate them. This will boost your child's confidence in class and reinforce their learning.

Parents Workshop

Thursday 13th October 2016 5-6pm

Please come along and find out about the Year 2 curriculum and key assessments in Year 2.



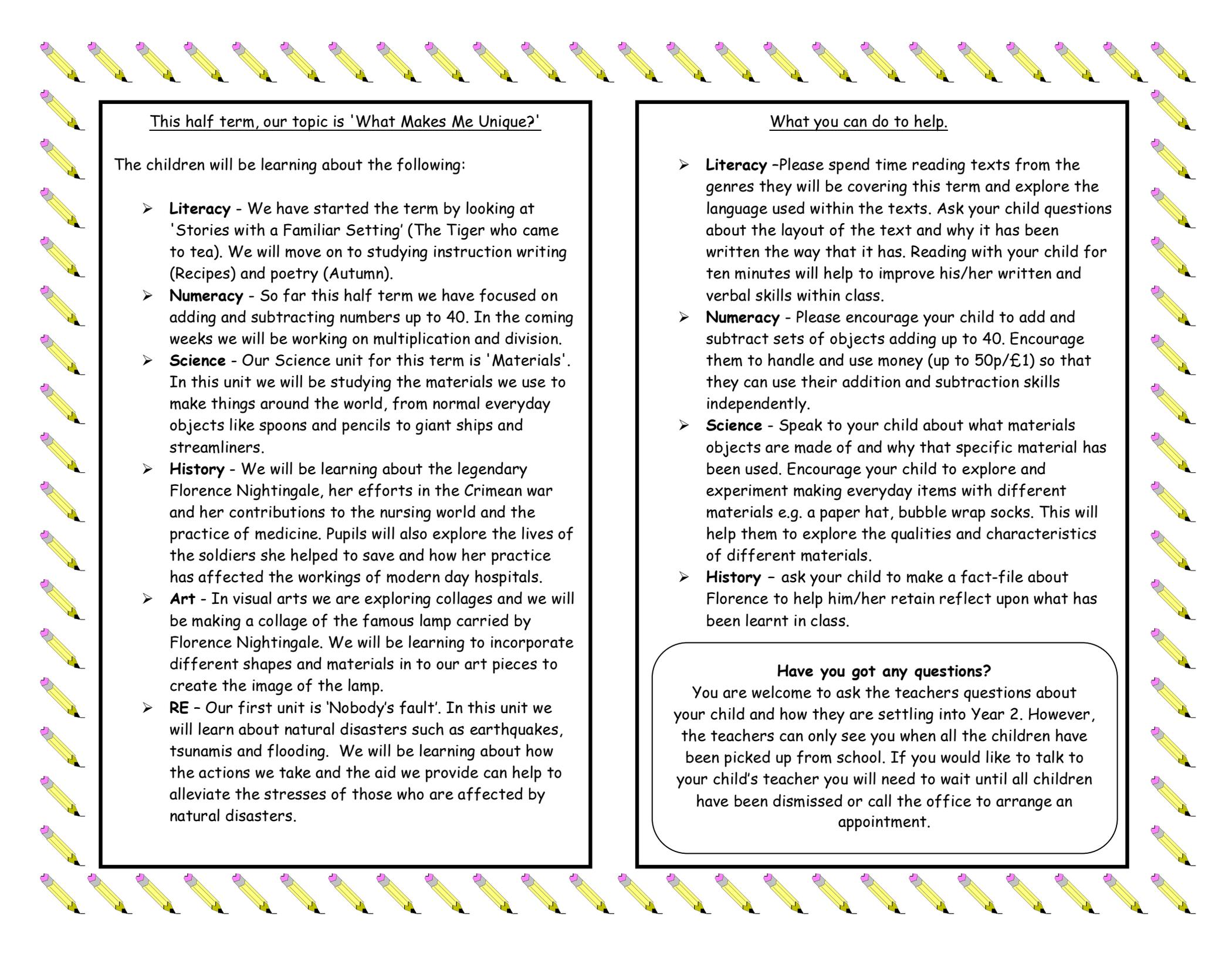
Olive School

Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn 2016



'How did Florence Nightingale change the world?'



This half term, our topic is 'What Makes Me Unique?'

The children will be learning about the following:

- **Literacy** - We have started the term by looking at 'Stories with a Familiar Setting' (The Tiger who came to tea). We will move on to studying instruction writing (Recipes) and poetry (Autumn).
- **Numeracy** - So far this half term we have focused on adding and subtracting numbers up to 40. In the coming weeks we will be working on multiplication and division.
- **Science** - Our Science unit for this term is 'Materials'. In this unit we will be studying the materials we use to make things around the world, from normal everyday objects like spoons and pencils to giant ships and streamliners.
- **History** - We will be learning about the legendary Florence Nightingale, her efforts in the Crimean war and her contributions to the nursing world and the practice of medicine. Pupils will also explore the lives of the soldiers she helped to save and how her practice has affected the workings of modern day hospitals.
- **Art** - In visual arts we are exploring collages and we will be making a collage of the famous lamp carried by Florence Nightingale. We will be learning to incorporate different shapes and materials in to our art pieces to create the image of the lamp.
- **RE** - Our first unit is 'Nobody's fault'. In this unit we will learn about natural disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis and flooding. We will be learning about how the actions we take and the aid we provide can help to alleviate the stresses of those who are affected by natural disasters.

What you can do to help.

- **Literacy** - Please spend time reading texts from the genres they will be covering this term and explore the language used within the texts. Ask your child questions about the layout of the text and why it has been written the way that it has. Reading with your child for ten minutes will help to improve his/her written and verbal skills within class.
- **Numeracy** - Please encourage your child to add and subtract sets of objects adding up to 40. Encourage them to handle and use money (up to 50p/£1) so that they can use their addition and subtraction skills independently.
- **Science** - Speak to your child about what materials objects are made of and why that specific material has been used. Encourage your child to explore and experiment making everyday items with different materials e.g. a paper hat, bubble wrap socks. This will help them to explore the qualities and characteristics of different materials.
- **History** - ask your child to make a fact-file about Florence to help him/her retain reflect upon what has been learnt in class.

Have you got any questions?

You are welcome to ask the teachers questions about your child and how they are settling into Year 2. However, the teachers can only see you when all the children have been picked up from school. If you would like to talk to your child's teacher you will need to wait until all children have been dismissed or call the office to arrange an appointment.