

**Week beginning: 05.01.2026**



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and return well rested and ready to go for the spring term.

**English** - In English this week we will be focussing on the text, Little Rabbit Foo Foo by Michael Rosen. Children will be reading and responding to the story, sharing their likes and dislikes and exploring patterns within the text. As a class, we will be creating a story-map to enable the children to retell the story using actions to support. We will also be looking closely at the author's use of vocabulary and its meaning.

**Maths** - In maths the children will be learning about money. Children will begin by recapping the value of all of the coins. Later in the week, they will solve addition and subtraction problems. This will include using their knowledge of counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to solve problems.

**History** - We will be beginning our new focus in history and beginning our learning about Florence Nightingale, a significant figure in history. We will be looking at pictorial sources and finding out what the children already know and what they would like to find out about her.

**PSHE** - In PSHE we will be beginning our topic on Dreams and Goals this week. The children will be thinking about a goal / wish they want to set themselves in school and considering what they will need to help them to achieve it.

**Science** - In Science we will explore a wide range of plants.

**RE** - We will be learning what an expert or a guide is.

**Computing** - This week we will be presenting ideas in a non-fiction fact file based on Florence Nightingale.

**Music** - We will be appraising and learning the song 'I wanna be in a band', and identifying the pulse in a piece of music.

**Reading** - Please read with your child every night for 10 minutes and ask them questions about the book. Books will continue to be changed by the children on a Friday.

Please note, Multi-Sports will move to a Thursday morning this half term to replace Forest School. Therefore, please ensure that children have an appropriate winter kit in school ready.

#### **Staff changes**

After Christmas Mrs McCarrick will be working for one more week with us then she will start a new job in a marketing company. We will miss her, she has been a superb TA! We will be making changes to support in Year 2 as a result.

Mrs Croft will move to work in Tiger Class in the mornings.

Mrs Pries will join us to work in Leopard Class in the mornings (and continue to cover lunchtimes).

Mrs Stuart-Smith is also joining us to work in Tiger Class in the afternoons.

Mrs Burton has also moved from Hedgehog (Year 1) to provide additional support in Tiger class (Year 2). Miss Nicholls has moved from Gosling (Year R) to Hedgehog.

#### **Key Dates:**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January - Start of spring term, normal time

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January - Safeguarding Session for Volunteers

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January - 'Flo on the Road' Workshop

If you have any questions or concerns, regarding your child, please see your child's class teacher.

**Thank you for your continued support,**

**The Year 2 Team ☺**