

Celebrating Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole

This week Year 2 were transported back in time to 1854 where they found themselves in the middle of the Crimean War. Visiting Scutari Hospital they joined 'the Lady with the lamp', Florence Nightingale, in her mission to treat many of the injured and sick casualties. Having made their own authentic lamps, the children set to making medicines and caring for the wounded soldiers, providing clean and hygienic wards, learning basic First Aid and bandaging techniques. The children also learnt about Mary Seacole, another inspirational woman pioneer in the field of medicine and health care. She was a contemporary of Florence Nightingale who did amazing work caring for the injured soldiers on the front line in the Crimean War. Everyone had a great time in their role-play, learning many new facts and developing a better understanding of the important role Florence Nightingale played in developing the country's health service and the modern standards of nursing we have come to expect today.

Tag Rugby

A huge well done to the Year 5 and Year 6 children who played in the Tag Rugby tournament this week. The team had a fantastic time at the competition which was organised by South Cambs School Sports Partnership at Shelford Rugby Club. The children were very competitive winning three of their matches. Across the morning, Mr Yates reports that the children displayed excellent teamwork and played with great enthusiasm and energy. We are very proud of the children and they should be very proud of their achievements.

Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to describe their favourite dinosaur.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you about the animals that live in Kenya.

Ask your Year 2 child to tell you what they discovered about Florence Nightingale during their WOW Day.

Ask your Year 3 child to describe how humans pollute the planet.

Ask your Year 4 child to name the four highest mountains in Great Britain.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain the connection between air resistance and parachutes.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain how to estimate and calculate the area of a triangle.

Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who supported Red Nose Day, it was a huge success and a very enjoyable day. Thanks to your generosity, I am delighted to announce that we raised an enormous

£770.88

This money will go help the Red Nose charity to carry on helping so many people who are finding life very difficult at the moment. As ever, a huge thank you to Amy and Chloe from FOMP who organised the red noses and the bucket collection for us and once again a big thank you to you all for taking part.



If you are wondering how to celebrate Mother's Day this weekend, why not drop into the Mothers and Others Crafternoon Tea which FOMP are holding at Cambourne Church on Saturday? There will be a delicious cream tea and lots of exciting craft activities on offer. Tickets cost £10 for adults and £2.50 for children.



DON'T FORGET BRITISH SUMMER TIME

Make sure you have an early night on Saturday as British Summer Time begins at 1am on Sunday 30th March. This means the clocks will move forward by one hour to allow us to make the most of the longer daylight hours. Don't forget to change your clocks and watches as I would hate you all to be late for school on Monday!

FORTHCOMING DATES SPRING TERM 2025

31st March to 4th April—Healthy Lifestyles Week

1st April—Team afternoon

3rd April—Parent Consultation Evening from 4pm in person

4th April—Break up for Easter holiday

7th—21st April—EASTER HOLIDAY

22nd April—Children return to school

23rd April—Year 4 Indian WOW Day

28th April to 2nd May—Writing week

29th—30th April—Y4 Burwell House Residential trip

2nd May—Dorado Class assembly

5th May—May Day Bank Holiday

6th to 8th May—School Council Toy Sale

7th May—Reception Trip to South Angle Farm

12th to 15th May—Key Stage 2 SATS week

16th May—Blue Class assembly

19th to 23rd May—STEM Week

19th May—Reception Come and Share

21st May—Year 5 production at 2pm

22nd May—Year 5 production at 6pm

23rd May—Lacerta Class assembly

26th to 30th May—Half Term

2nd June—INSET Day

3rd June—Children return to school

4th to 6th June—Empathy Week

4th to 6th June—Phonic Screening Check week

9th to 13th June—Y4 Multiplication Check period

18th June—Key Stage 1 and Reception Sports Day

20th June—Reserve Key Stage 1 and Reception Sports Day

27th June—Aquila Class assembly

1st July—Key Stage 2 Sports Day

2nd July—Reserve Key Stage 2 Sports Day

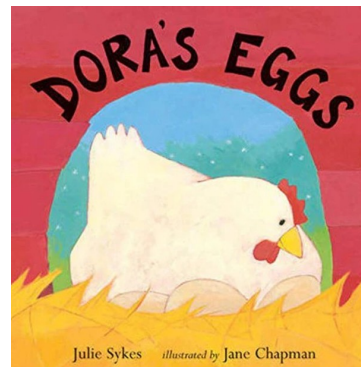


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Baby Animals

This week, we have been reading the story of 'Dora's Eggs' and talking about some of the baby animals that are born in Spring. I wonder if any of the children can remember the new words we have been learning (chick, duckling, lamb, piglet, puppy, calf, tadpole)?



After the story, we made some nest cakes using a recipe card to see how much of each ingredient we needed. We then watched the chocolate melting in the microwave and stirred in rice crispies. We used mini eggs and a chick to decorate the top of our cakes. They were delicious! We have also enjoyed singing 'Old MacDonald Had a Farm' but using baby animal names instead of the usual words!

Song Time

During this term the children have been busy learning new songs related to our learning themes. We would love to invite all parents and carers to come and listen to our wonderful singing on Friday 3rd April at 2.30 pm. If your child does not normally attend Pre-School at this time, you are very welcome to bring them along for this event.

Eid Al-Fitr

We would like to wish Eid Mubarak to all of our families celebrating over the next few days! Please send in photos of your celebrations to help support our learning about Eid next week.

Best wishes,

Jane Turner

(Pre-School Manager)