

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a good half term. We are looking to good term of learning in Dahl Class.

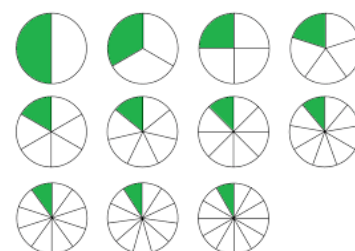
Our Big Question for Connections this term is 'Are humans the most powerful thing in the world?' This term, we will be focused on history, learning about two significant historical figures: Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell. As part of their learning, children will be placing events and artefacts on a timeline to understand when these nurses lived and worked, comparing life in the past, looking at how hospitals have changed and investigating historical evidence, using pictures, photographs, and artefacts to find out more about the past.

For our Art this term, the children will be developing their art skills by exploring printing techniques using a range of natural and man-made materials. They will be using different materials to print and create patterns, electing specific shapes and areas to print with accuracy and exploring how texture can enhance artwork by adding detail and interest..



In Literacy the children will be writing a recount based on 'The Great Fire of London'. They will be working using emotive language, first person and past tense in our writing. The children will continue to develop their spelling with daily phonics and spelling sessions. During our grammar sessions, children will be learning how to use exciting verbs and adverbs in our writing.

Within Maths this term, we will be learning about division using sharing. We will be sharing a number into equal groups and begin to use  $\div$  to represent this within a calculation. We will then be moving onto fractions. We will be learning about halves and quarters and begin to think about thirds. The key words for this unit are equivalence, denominator, numerator, and number line. We be recognising equivalent fractions, exploring fractions of quantities, and investigating fractions of shapes.



In our Science topic of Materials, the children will have the opportunity to apply the knowledge they gain throughout this unit to a project as they become more familiar with the names and properties of different materials encountered. The pupils will be able to perform simple tests to explore questions, for example: 'What is the best material for an umbrella? ...for lining a dog basket?.....for the three little pigs 'home'?

In Music, our next topic is Pitch (Theme: Musical Me). Now the children learn to sing the song 'Once a Man Fell in a Well' and to play it using tuned percussion, adding sound effects, experimenting with timbre and dynamics and using letter notation to write a melody.

In RE, we will be studying Islam. The children will be using their learning to answer the question: How do Muslims express their religion and beliefs? The children will be able to use clear and simple language to retell a story (story of Eid ul-Adha) and be able to describe at least two ways in which people express / practise their beliefs as a community.



In PSHE, our third unit will be on 'Healthy Me'. This will include lessons on self-esteem and confidence as well as healthy lifestyle choices.

#### Homework and Spellings

Your child's homework will be set on Mathletics one week and then on Reading Eggs the following week. Please ensure your child's homework is completed by the following Friday.