

# Year Two Newsletter

Term Two Week One

Welcome back! I can't quite believe that we are now in November. The children have had a fabulous week back, getting stuck into their learning straight away. We have started new topics, Florence Nightingale, The Gunpowder Plot and continuing other topics such as, addition and subtraction in Maths and Animals including Humans in Science.

## Maths

This week we have been adding by making 10. Children focused on fluency by using tens frames in a practical context to help them see how number bonds to 10 can be made and how this can help them to add by making 10. For example,  $8+6=$ , the children remembered that  $8+2=10$  so they moved 2 across from the 6 to make 10 and then added the remaining 4 to make 14.

## English

We have started our new topic Florence Nightingale. The children have been so engaged with their learning based on the text 'Vlad and the Florence Nightingale Adventure' by Kate Cunningham (Thank you Nicola). The children have been learning about The Crimean War, they're able to recall facts and write these facts using capital letters, full stops and exclamation marks in the correct places.

## RE

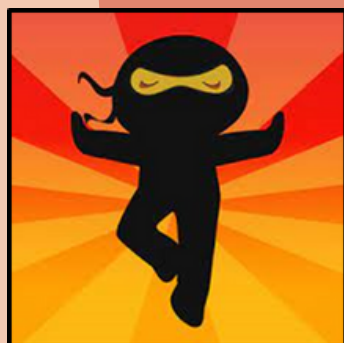
We have started our new topic of Incarnation, looking at 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?' First, we recapped the Christmas story and how God sent Jesus to Earth and brought good news to very poor people.

## PE

This term we are building upon our prior learning of gymnastics. For our first lesson, we were learning to roll in different ways. Such as, completing an egg roll, log roll and a teddy bear roll. The children were then able to put their chosen rolls into a sequence.

## Vocabulary Ninja!

We are excited to be introducing a new whole-school system for teaching spelling called Vocabulary Ninja! Each week, a spelling pattern will be introduced to the children in class. A set of words will be sent home for the children to learn to spell, along with a fun activity to help them practise. Additional activities will be carried out in school during the week, so spellings will be reinforced at home and in school, before a spelling test takes place. The system includes regular revision of common words that the children are expected to be able to spell, so don't worry if some words seem a bit easy for your child. Also, there may seem to be a lot of words to learn, but we hope that by practising at home and at school, this won't be a problem. As with all new initiatives, we will try things out and adapt as necessary, but we hope to have a whole school of Spelling Ninjas very soon!



### Dates for the Diary

#### Woodland Learning

- Thursday 9th November
- Thursday 23rd November

#### Parents Evening

- Tuesday 21st November
- Thursday 23rd November

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Irvine, Miss Brooks, Mrs Brown and Mrs Gibbs