



## Spring Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday and I would like to take the opportunity to wish you a very happy 2023. I am very excited to be back at school and looking forward to another fantastic term with the children.

### English

To start the term, we are writing a biography about Mary Seacole. We will be exploring her fantastic life story, applying new writing skills such as sentences using connectives. We will also be identifying the key features of a non-fictional text. Last term the children learned about different word classes to support them in writing poems, this will help them to write more complex sentences.

### Maths

This term, the maths curriculum will cover multiplication and division. We will start by learning the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and then move onto dividing through sharing and grouping objects. We are practising these times tables at school and I would encourage the children to practise at home as much as they can. Times tables are really important in developing the children's mathematical fluency. Last term the children consolidated their learning on column addition, subtraction to support them going forward.

### Science

This term, we will be studying materials and their properties. The children will explore how we can change the shapes of object to suit a purpose such as bending, twisting and stretching. They will learn about the elasticity of objects and using their knowledge, design an effective catapult.

### History

This term, to coincide with our English topic, we will be looking at Mary Seacole in more detail. The children will understand the impact she had on modern medicine, whilst applying their inference skills to understand the impact she had on soldiers' lives in the Crimean war.

### Reminders

**PE will be on Monday and Friday**, please ensure that the children have their PE kits on these days. We would like the children to read every day (either independently or to an adult) due to the significant impact reading has on all areas of learning. We will be monitoring reading diaries and rewarding the children with prizes. We would like reading books and reading diaries to be in school every day so that adults in school can also hear them read.

If you have any questions at all do not hesitate to email me. My email is [JDenty@firbeck.org.uk](mailto:JDenty@firbeck.org.uk).

Yours sincerely,

Mr Denty