

## Year 2 Topic Leaflet Spring 2 Heroes - past and present









In this hero-themed topic, we will be reading the beautifully illustrated, emotive picture book "Last Stop on Market Street", which is a lovely, warm picture book, with strong and commendable themes of intergenerational friendship, building community, and finding beauty in unlikely places. Linking to our history learning, we will also be reading "The Extraordinary Life of Mary Seacole" by Naida Redgrave, whilst finding out about Mary Seacole, who is known for her medical work in the Crimean war, and as a brilliant woman who combated the racial prejudice she experienced in her lifetime.

In Science, we will be exploring healthy lifestyles, including the importance of exercise, healthy eating and hygiene. In DT, we will be designing and making puppets, using running stitch and back stitch and in our RE learning, we will be exploring Salvation and what Christians believe about this.

In our Music learning, we will be singing with the awareness of pitch, dynamics and tempo, and learning to identify changes in tempo, dynamics and pitch.

We also hope to celebrate the end of our topic with a Hero Award ceremony!

|                  | Poetry: Granny is by Valerie Bloom Writing: Letter/speech, Non-chronological report, Free Ve                                      | erse, Diary |   |
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| Science          | Healthy Living  | Maths       | Geometry properties of 2D shapes<br>Geometry properties of 3D shapes<br>Fractions |
| Geography        | Not this half term  | Computing   | Computer Science: Create a simple program that achieves a specific purpose        |
| History          | Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale   | RE          | Understanding Christianity: Salvation.  |
| Art              | Not this half term  | PSHE        | Heartsmart - Don't Hold on to What's Wrong  |
| DT               | Hand Puppets  | PE          | Indoor - Dance<br>Outdoor - Striking and Fielding- cricket                        |
| Music            | Exploring pitch, dynamics and tempo with particular focus on pitch.   | Event/Visit |   |
| Home<br>Learning | Continue to learn weekly spellings. Sumdog and Times Table Rock stars. Regular reading. Weekly home learning on Google Classroom. |             |   |

**Non-fiction**: The Extraordinary life of Mary Seacole - Naida Redgrave

Fiction: Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Peña

English