



Friday 10th January 2019

Year 5 Nightingales' Newsletter (Spring Term 1)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to 2019! I hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break. Thank you very much for the kind wishes, cards and presents I received before the holidays. It is another busy half term for the Nightingales and I hope the following dates and information are helpful as you continue to support your child's learning.

Wishing you a very happy New Year!

Kind regards,

Mrs Gore and Mrs Downey.

Class Notices

P.E.

PE lessons will be on Mondays and Thursdays. Rees Sports will lead the PE session on a Monday and Mrs Cain will continue to lead the Thursday lesson.

Could you please check children have the correct sized pumps for PE and that **all** uniform and PE kit is clearly labelled, to avoid loss. Earrings must be removed for PE lessons and at home where possible to avoid any losses of earrings.

Milk and Toast

Money is due every **Friday** at a cost of **£1.50**. This will cover the following week. Alternatively you can pay for whole half terms or a number of weeks at a time if you wish. This is payable **in class**, rather than to the office.

Our Learning

English: We will be looking at narrative writing with a focus on the picture book Zoo by Anthony Browne.

Maths: We will be looking at multiplication, division and fractions.

Science: We will be learning about Properties and Changes of Materials.

Topic: We will be studying the Mayans until Easter.

R.E.: We will be looking at Jesus the Teacher.

Spelling: We will be following the No Nonsense Spelling scheme.

Handwriting: We will be following the Nelson Cursive Handwriting scheme.

Music: We will be following the Charanga scheme with a focus on Classroom Jazz.

Computing: We will be exploring Binary codes and learning how to decipher them.

PE: Gymnastics with Mrs Cain and with Rees Sports.

Art: We will be creating Mayan calendars.

French: We will be learning to talk about leisure activities.

At Home

Homework

Homework is given out on a **Friday** and is due in the following **Tuesday**. Homework will alternate between English and Mathematics. There may also be occasional Topic homework given.

Spellings

Spellings will go out on a **Friday** and be tested on a **Monday**. These will be whole-class spelling lists, following the No Nonsense Spelling Scheme.

Times Tables Challenge

Times tables challenge will continue every Thursday and every child in Y5 will take part. Please practise tables at home as often as possible. All times tables need to be practised.

Reading

Please ensure you continue to read with your child **at least 3 times a week**. Children will now collect 'air miles' for each read they complete each week and will read their way around different countries. Badges will be awarded as children reach certain countries.

Diary Dates

Friday 25th January - RE World Faith Day.

Tuesday 5th February - Chinese New Year.

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