

Your child's topic will be: **ALL ABOUT US**

During this half term your child will learn:

- In English we will be learning Talk for Writing techniques. Our focus texts are *Where the Wild Things Are* and *The Gruffalo*.
- In Maths we are focusing on place value, addition and subtraction and position.
- In Science we are observing seasonal changes.
- In Computing we are learning to use word processing programmes.
- In History we are focusing on Florence Nightingale.
- In D&T we will be making puppets.
- In Music we are exploring long and short sounds as well as rehearsing for the nativity.
- In P.E. we are exploring dance. Huddersfield Giants Community Trust will teach us football.
- In R.E. we are thinking about why Christians celebrate Christmas.
- In PSHE&C our focus is working as a team.

Dates for your diary:

- Maths Morning **14th November**
- Thackray Medical Museum **26th November**
- Theatre Trip **4th December**
- KS1 Nativity **12th December 2.15 & 6.30**
- Class party **20th December**

Welcome back!

Nightingale Class have had a very busy start to the school year and this half term continues this trend. As we approach Christmas, timetabling may alter to allow nativity practises and Christmas crafts to take place, particularly from Week 5.

A quick plea regarding children's clothing and PE kits - **please ensure every item of clothing is labelled with your child's name. As we will be doing football outside, please ensure your child has appropriate outdoor kit in school.** If you have lost an item of clothing, lost property is located by the library.

Thank you!

Key learning objectives for Maths:

- Read and write numbers and number-names to 20
- Compare and order numbers to 20
- Identify 1 more and 1 less
- Estimate sets of objects, count to check and order sets according to size
- Understand 0 as the empty set
- Estimate and count up to 30 objects
- Find pairs that make 10
- Find missing numbers in number sentences
- Double numbers 1 to 5
- Recognise, name and describe squares, rectangles, circles and triangles
- Recognise basic line symmetry
- Sort 2D shapes according to their properties, using Venn diagrams and Carroll diagrams
- Recognise coins and begin to understand their value.

Key learning objectives for English:

- Use phonic knowledge to decode words
- Read common exception words confidently
- Read aloud books closely matched to their improving phonic knowledge, sounding out unfamiliar words accurately
- Becoming increasingly familiar with and retelling a wider range of stories, fairy stories and traditional tales
- Checking that the text makes sense to them as they read
- Making inferences and predictions on the basis of what is being said and done
- Answering and asking questions about the text
- Explain and discuss their understanding of texts that are read by themselves and others
- Matching phonemes to graphemes
- Learning to spell common exception words
- Form lower-case letters that are the same size and sit on the line
- Write capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower case letters
- Use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters as well as full stops to mark sentences.

Nightingale Class Timetable - Autumn 2 2018

Mon	Phonics	English	Worship Time	Maths	Lunchtime	DT/Topic	DT/Topic	
Tues		English		Maths		Topic	Topic	
Weds		PE - Football (outdoor)	Praise	Break-time	English	Science	Science	All Homework to be returned
Thurs		PE			English	Maths/ Computing	Maths/ Computing	Homework sent home
Fri		RE	Celebration	Maths	PSHE & C - Mrs Martin	Music - Mrs Martin		

A note about homework:

Children in Nightingale Class will be receiving Maths homework and 6 spellings each Thursday. Homework is to be returned by Wednesday and spellings will be tested on a Thursday morning. If there are queries about homework tasks, please don't hesitate to contact me. Likewise, should your child be unable to complete their homework for any reason, please just let me know.

Please encourage your child to read their school reading book to you daily, and remember to sign in their reading record that you have heard them read, this will allow us to change their reading book. All reading books will be changed weekly as a minimum. Finally, the government-recommended time for children in Year 1 to spend on homework is 10-15 minutes per day. If your child has worked well & tried their best with a task for that time, please feel free to stop them - just sign the sheet or whatever, to say they have done their allocated study time. However, if they are motivated to continue further, please feel free to let them!!

Nightingale Timetable:

The timetable in Year 1 is fairly flexible to allow for projects, visits and to allow them to utilise the ICT suite and outdoor resources where necessary. This half term may vary due to rehearsals in school for the nativity performances. Please ensure your child's PE kit and reading book are in school each day to help with our timetable adaptations.

Ways to help your children include:

- Counting and practising number formation
- Ensuring homework tasks are returned promptly
- Practising phonics and phonic activities at home
- Questioning your child about the books they are reading - making predictions about the story, retelling the story, explaining their understanding

And finally...

If there is anything you would like to check or if you have any queries/concerns, please don't hesitate to pop in and chat. After school on Mondays and Thursdays are often the best times to see me due to staff meetings and sports events. Mrs Martin will dismiss the children on a Friday.

Thank you, Miss Goodall (Class Teacher)