

Year 1 Nightingale and Seacole classes. Newsletter: 23rd April 2019

Welcome back after the Easter holidays. We hope that you have had a restful time and we are looking forward to watching your children continue to grow throughout our final term.

Homework

Homework will now be set every Monday. We expect the children to read every day for 5 minutes and to be able to share what they have read in class. The children must practice their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We will be testing the children on these times tables, throughout the term. We also will be writing 5 spelling words in their books for the children to learn and be tested on and the five vocabulary words of the week, which the children do not need to learn to spell but do need to learn the meanings of. We will be looking at this at school, so please test your children at home.

Once Upon A Time.

This half term our topic is 'Once Upon A Time'. Your child will have the chance to explore traditional and modern fairy tales through lots of exciting cross-curricular activities. We are even tying our school trip in with our topic by going on a fairy tale adventure at Perlethorpe Education Centre.

Maths

During this half term, your children will get the chance to consolidate their understanding of place value, addition, subtraction, measurement and shape. Please continue to practice maths at home, particularly focusing on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

English

In English, we will explore stories that link to our fairy tale topic. The children will continue to apply their phonics within their writing and continue to write sentences using correct sentence structure. We have challenged the children to use joining words, such as 'and' and 'because' in their writing, to add more detail. We will have a big focus on 'past tense' this half term and it would be great if you worked at home with your children in understanding how words change when discussing or writing things in the past tense.

Reading at home and reading competitions

We saw a huge uplift in reading during the last part of the Spring term, so well done to all those parents who are regularly reading at home with their children. To continue to support your child, it is important to read with your child every day for five minutes. The phonics screening test will be in June, so we want them to have the best chance to pass. The weekly prize draws for those children that have read at home, will continue. Each time a child reads at home, along with a parental comment, we will give them a raffle ticket, which will enter them into a weekly prize draw. We will also have a 'reader of the week', which will give one lucky child the chance to read to the class and receive a special reading sticker!

Physical Education

This half term both year 1 classes will continue to have P.E twice a week. Please bring a P.E kit for your child to wear in and this can be left in our P.E box at school. **All items must clearly be labelled so that we can make sure that items are not lost, this also includes school uniform.**

We look forward to another brilliant half term with your children!

Mr Gritt and Miss OD.

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Diary Dates: Summer 2019

Date	Year Group	Time	Event
Thursday 2 nd May	Year 3 & 4	2.00pm	Children's Assembly for their Families
Friday 3 rd May	Year 1	Day	English Trip to Perlesthorpe Outdoor Centre
Monday 6 th May	All	Day	School Closed (National Holiday)
Thursday 9th May	Year 4	Day	History Trip to Wollaton Hall
Monday 13th May	Year 6	Week	National Tests (SATs) Week Free Breakfast Club for Y6 pupils all week
Friday 17 th May	Year 5	Day	Kwik Cricket Event at Victoria Embankment
Wednesday 22nd May	Year 2	Day	Year 2 Visit to Highfields Park
	Year 4 & 5	Day	Tag Rugby Event at Notts Outlaws Rugby Club
Thursday 23 rd May	Year 6	Day	History / RE Trip to National Holocaust Centre
Thursday 23 rd May	Year 3	Day	Girls' Sports Festival
Friday 24 th May	All	3.15pm	School Closes for half term week