



Fen Ditton C. P. School



Nightingales class: Years 4 and 5

Summer Term 2017 Link Letter

In the table below you will find information about the topics your child will be covering, in each of the curriculum subjects over the next term.

Subject	Theme
English	We will commence the term by continuing to revise punctuation, grammar and spelling skills. Children will then practice applying these skills in independent pieces of writing, creating innovative sentences and grouping them into paragraphs. In addition all of our lessons will be based around our new topic- British authors. We will start by writing a biography on Michael Monpurgo and then we will venture onto completing pieces around Kensuke's Kingdom.
Mathematics	Maths lessons shall continue to be taught according to our new 'Teaching for Mastery' approach, aiming to develop children's understanding in all areas of math, beginning with basic fluency, through to more complex reasoning skills, and finally solving puzzles and problems. For the first half-term our main theme shape, space and measure. Lessons will continue to include a mix of mental and written maths methods, but will always start with a 'warm up' activity. When the children register each morning, there will be a 'morning maths' task to complete – we shall concentrate on applying calculation skills in real-life contexts.
Science	We will focus on biology this term, beginning with the human body, before turning our attention to animals and their habitats. Much of the science work will involve practical activities in the classroom.
Topic (History and Geography)	This term we will be look at the lives and works of British authors and then we will move onto researching British authors.
Religious Education	R.E. lessons will focus on the core beliefs and practices of Hinduism.
Physical Education	P.E. lessons will take place on Tuesday (with Premier Sport) and Monday (with Miss. Hemmingham). The children will be conducting a Sport Education unit on handball. Premier Sport will concentrate on teaching athletics. Please make sure that all PE kit is named and includes a white t-shirt, blue or black shorts and trousers together with appropriate footwear for indoors and outdoors. Please ensure earrings are taken out and hair bands are provided to tie long hair back. (If children have one of the school coloured t-shirts to represent their house, they may wear them in PE lessons.)
Personal Development	This term the children will be completing their sex and relationships unit. Whole class 'circle time' sessions each week on Tuesdays will help explore and reflect on these themes. We will promote through assemblies, certificates and class-work the core Fen Ditton values of resilience, respect, courage and kindness.

Art and design (design and technology)	These will focus largely on British Artists and their techniques. In addition we have various exciting art opportunities approaching with art week and a jewellery designer visiting the class.
Computing	Computing will focus at first on animation and design.
Music	The children will have music lessons with Mr. Paul, continuing to learn to play the recorder.
Languages	The children shall be taught French once a fortnight.
Homework	This will be set every Friday and will comprise: Reading as much as possible over the week; A spellings, grammar or a comprehension activity; A mathematics task, linked to what we have been learning in lessons OR a practice session for our 'times table Challenge'. Optional: one other piece related to any other subject area. Please ensure homework is returned the following Wednesday.
Assessment	Assessment will include: Reading comprehension and maths exercises every half term. Independent writing pieces at the end of every English unit. Pupils will be assessed against age related expectations from the new national curriculum.
How to support your child at home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read with them daily or as much as possible, which includes your child reading to you and you reading to them. • Help them complete the homework set • Practise telling the time on analogue and digital clocks • Quick times tables questions • Please encourage your child to use the Mathletics website – I have login details, if they have lost them. • Please explore the 'espresso learning website' with your child. It covers all areas of the curriculum, but is particularly good for improving spelling, grammar and punctuation skills. Please use login name: 'student6209' and password 'espresso'.

If you wish to discuss any information included in the table above or you have any further questions, please book an appointment to see me.

Thank you,

Miss. Hemmingham