

Walmer Castle Class Newsletter

March 2019

Welcome back, this term we are learning about the life of Florence Nightingale. The children have set up a hospital role play area. As you can see by the photos they are already having lots of fun. We had so much fun completing the activities for our NSPCC day. Thank you for sending in your sponsorship forms and money. We raised over £1300.



Numeracy

This term, in mental maths we will be working on:

- Number recognition of 2 digit numbers
- Doubles
- Quick recall of number facts, such as bonds to 10 and 20
- Counting in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s
- Mental addition and subtraction.
- Ordering numbers.

During Numeracy lessons we will be learning :

- About place value
- To count and order numbers
- To add and subtract
- To multiply
- To measure length, weight and capacity

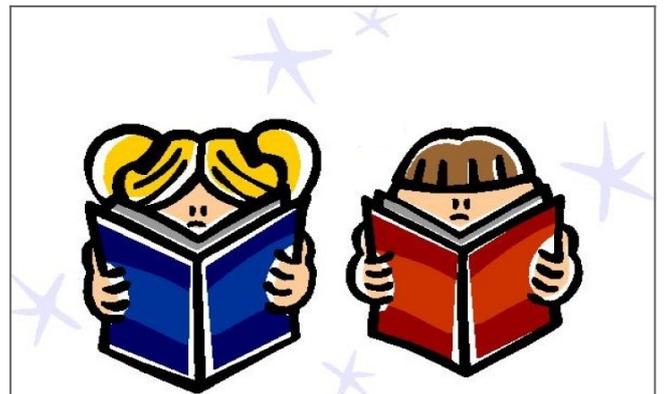
We will be encouraging children to apply what they have learnt through daily problem solving tasks.

Reading at Home

It would be great if you could aim to hear your child read at least 3 times a week. We really value your comments about how your child reads at home so please could you write the date and a brief comment, in the reading record book, each time you read with your child.

Don't forget

Every Wednesday evening we have a reading challenge, please fill in the bookmark in your child's reading record book. Mrs Paylor-Sutton has noticed that our reading percentage rate has improved. Well done and thank you.



Literacy

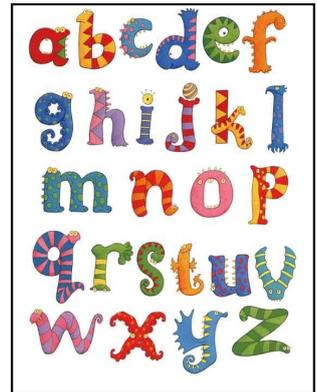
We will continue to teach the majority of our Literacy through the class projects. We will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to our project and we will be using these as starting points for our writing.

Over the next term in our writing we will be concentrating on:

- Reading and discussing stories
- Report writing
- Sequencing
- Story writing
- Writing recounts
- Labelling

In daily Sounds-Write sessions some children will be:

- Learning to segment and blend sounds in 3 sound words.
- Learning to read and spell multi-syllable words
- Some children will be working within the Extended Code. This is the part of Sounds Write which addresses the more complex spellings of different sounds.



WATER BOTTLES

Please make sure your child has a *named* water bottle in school every day.

The children often have their bottles with them as they work so please could the bottle have a sports lid to avoid spillages!

Remember, water only, no squash or flavoured water please.



Projects

This term we will be learning all about 'Florence Nightingale' The focus will be history and we will be looking at the impact she has had on nursing today.

We plan to:

- Sequence events in her life
- Compare hospitals and nursing from then with modern day practices.
- Draw a portrait of Florence Nightingale.
- Create a word document on Purple Mash about Florence Nightingale.

Diary dates:

- 8th March-Staff development day
- 14th March-Walmer Castle Class Assembly -2.40 p.m.
- 4th April-End of term achievement assembly
- 5th April-Spring Service at St. Augustine's Church
- 5th April-End of term 4
- 23rd April-Term 4 begins