

21st September 2018

Froebel: Luckily we love the wind and rain in Nursery – we’ve been blowing huge bubbles in the garden and mixing different coloured paints into the puddles. We’ve been busy making our class scarecrow and enjoyed baking our mini fruit crumbles earlier this week, as well as mixing together ingredients for our bird feeders to help our bird friends in this stormy weather. Our phonics focus this week has been sound discrimination, involving playing listening games on the whiteboard and making sound shakers so that we learn and use vocabulary to describe



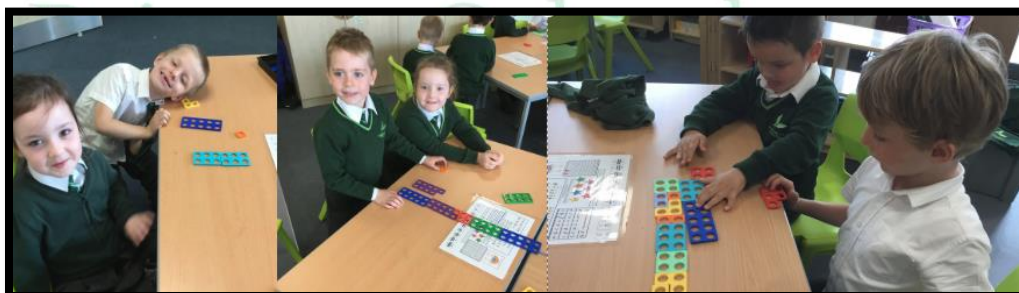
sounds and as we think about the kinds of sounds we like or don’t like. We’ve now started taking visits to the school library in our keygroups, from next week children can borrow the

books to take home - we hope you enjoy reading these stories with your children. Our focus next week will be on the classic tale ‘The Gingerbread Man’, using the story telling signs we learnt during our ‘Goldilocks’ week.

As the weather has now turned more Autumnal please ensure your child has a waterproof coat and wellies for every session, waterproof ‘all-in-one’ suits are ideal. This means that we can continue to comfortably enjoy learning outdoors whatever the weather.

Nightingale: We’ve had a super-powered week in Nightingale Class creating our own superhero characters and thinking of alliterations to describe them. We have used pictures of our superhero personalities for the first pages in our our brand new Busy Books and they are looking very smart. In maths we have been counting forward and back to 10 and learning to recognise the matching numerals. The children enjoyed their first introduction to class yoga and are doing this in House groups to get to know who’s in each group. Thank you for all the plastic donations we’ve received - when the wind stops howling, we’ll be able to get to work on our recycled materials fence! We’re looking forward to seeing lots of you at our parent phonics workshop next Wednesday afternoon.

Johnson: We have been counting in 2s backwards and forwards and using lots of different resources to do this. In English we have been creating our own creatures and creating information leaflets



about them. We have begun to design our shelters for our STEAM project which will be using all the lovely plastic bottles that have been donated. This shelter should be water and weatherproof! In Personal, Social, Health and Emotional (PHSE) sessions, we have been looking at lots of different ways to describe feelings and why we have different words to separate them eg anger and frustration. In science we have begun to look at lots of different species, focusing on mammals this week.

School Dinners: School Money is now up and running and many of you are logging on and booking your child's dinners successfully. However, there are still a few parents who aren't booking their child's dinners for the week ahead. This can cause issues with the kitchen not being prepared and potentially not having enough food. **If we don't have a booked meal for your child, we will assume they are bringing a packed lunch and will not cater for them.** If you have issues with School Money, please see Mrs Williams in the school office.

Phonics Workshop – Nightingale Class: We are running a phonics and early reading workshop on Wednesday 26th September at 3.30pm. The workshop will be an opportunity to see how we teach the acquisition of phonic skills, how to pronounce the sounds 'purely' and how you can support your child with all that they're learning at home. We will run a crèche for the children in another classroom. We look forward to seeing you there.

Forest School – volunteer helpers needed: We are looking to start our Forest School very soon! We are just starting to get our equipment together and are now looking for volunteers that can commit to some time during the school day to help out. Please see Mrs Williams in the office if you have some time you could spare with these amazing activities.

Macmillan Coffee Morning: Bring a cake, enjoy refreshments and mingling and raise money for a great cause! We are inviting parents/carers to join us for this lovely event where we provide coffee/tea and you provide the cakes which we sell for you! It will be next Friday, 28th September from 8:30am-9:30am in the hall. This is for adults only, please drop children off at class then join us afterwards. All proceeds to Macmillan.



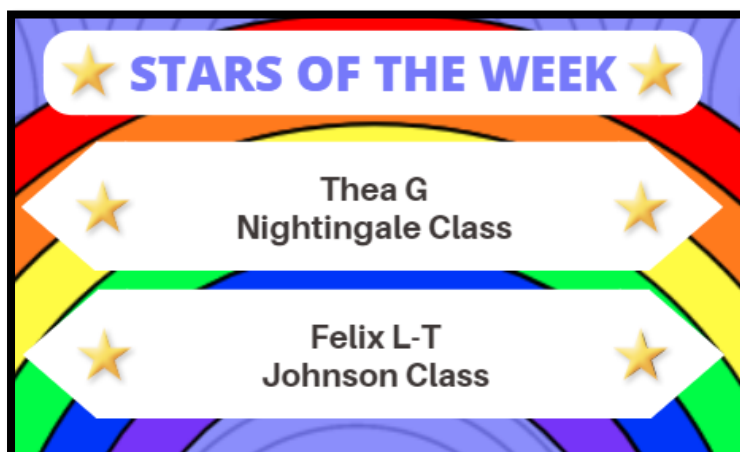
Key Dates for your Diary:

- Phonics Workshop for Nightingale Parents, Wednesday 26th September at 3:30pm
- Friday 28th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning at 8:30-9:30am, please come along for coffee and cake!
- School individual photos - Tuesday 9th October (younger siblings are invited to come along also)
- Parents evenings: Wednesday 31st October (3:15-5:00pm) and Thursday 1st November (4:00-7:00pm)
- Break-Up Day – Friday 19th October
- INSET Day – Monday 29th October
- School Opens – Tuesday 30th October

Have a fantastic weekend!

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Julie Hiddleston and the school team





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Monday	Tuesday
<p>Sway Dance Club (£3) (all years) led by Ms Whitehead 3:15-4:15pm Starts on Monday 10th September</p> <p>Ms Whitehead will collect your child from their class, there is no need to come to school until 4:15pm for collection.</p> <p>Session full</p>	<p>Stagecoach - £165 (per term) (Ages 4+) Led by Melissa Lewis (Stagecoach Principal) 4:00-5:30pm Starts on Tuesday 18th September</p> <p>Please contact her directly to book - banbury@stagecoach.co.uk</p>
Thursday	Friday
<p>Hand Gym – Ages 3+ (FREE) 3:15-4:00pm Led by Miss Macdonald Starts on Thursday 20th September</p> <p>A really fun way to increase dexterity in the hands and help with fine motor skills!</p> <p>Session full</p>	<p>RugbyTots – Ages 3.5+ - £4 3:15-4:15pm Led by Vince Reynolds Starts on Friday 14th September</p> <p>RugbyTots is a specific play programme for young children. It uses the multiple skills of rugby to create a fun and enjoyable environment whilst developing basic core motor skills. Each session aims to develop hand-eye co-ordination, balance and agility as well as enhancing social and psychological attributes through a series of games and exercises.</p> <p>Session full</p>

Free Trial Piano Tuition

Studies show that time spent at the keyboard improves mental health: people who make music experience less anxiety, loneliness, and depression. Playing piano has also been shown to be a great source of stress relief, and provides ample opportunity to bolster self-esteem. It is also a widely used form of therapy for Attention Deficit Disorder. **Not sure if your child will take to it? Why not try a month's tuition FREE of charge?**

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