

15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Froebel:** Nursery children have enjoyed their week full of Valentine's-themed activities inside and outdoors. We finished by making jam sandwiches and cutting these into heart shapes – can your child tell you about this, remembering how to sequence the tasks into the correct order? Through PSE sessions this week we've been thinking about why we love our families so much and the things we like to do together. In number we have been introduced to Tia Ten and we have been counting objects of up to 10 in different layouts. In phonics we've continued our look at initial sounds in words. Over the half term please continue to practise listening out for the sounds in words, and read lots of stories together. We always invite children to bring in favourite books from home to share with the class

Next term we will be launching our 'People Who Help Us' topic, with a focus on dentists for the first week back, including a look at healthy food choices.



**Nightingale:** This week we have been very busy getting things ready for the Science Fayre. We want to thank everyone who joined us to see what we have been learning and hope you enjoyed one of our beautifully decorated cakes. We focused on the nursery rhyme 'Mother Goose' as part of our English lessons, trying to find the rhyming words. In maths, we have learnt about symmetry, looking at symmetrical pictures and finding the lines of symmetry. We also took this idea into our PE lesson, creating mirroring shapes with a partner. We look forward to seeing you all after half term.

**Johnson:** This week all of the children in Johnson class have been working their socks off and Mrs Smith is so proud of each and every one of them. We started the week thinking like an author and created our own comic strip. We then progressed and became the illustrator of our comic strip by adding in more detail and building on our story.

In maths, we had lots of fun on Wednesday because we played subtraction 'Snakes and Ladders'. We played the game in pairs and when the counter moved places, we had to answer the subtraction number sentence before we could move on.

On Thursday, we made fruit and vegetable kebabs to celebrate our topic, Superheroes. We have been talking about the importance of being healthy and taking care of ourselves and thinking about what makes us 'Super Me'.



**Wild Tribe – Group 2, Week 6:** For Group 2's final session at Wild Tribe, we were very excited to be given the responsibility of making fire this week, without which, there would be no hot chocolate, so the stakes were high. Each member of Wild Tribe was given chance to help either light, feed or extinguish our storm kettle fire before attempting to use the fire steels to make a spark of their own too. Miss Haskett and Mrs Bird were very excited to be able to strike a light!



**A special thank you to our happy helpers, Mrs Bird and Mr Alvarez. Without their help, we would not be able to run the sessions and the children gain so much from learning outside the classroom – you're both real heroes!** With that said, the Wild Tribe team at Longford are looking to recruit parent/carers from Nightingale Class to help run our sessions after half-term. Please see Mrs Williams if you are interested and able to commit to a Wednesday afternoon each week starting March 2019. We look forward to hearing from you 😊

**Science Fair:** Thank you to all our children and staff for making our Science Fair such an enormous success! Science is such an exciting subject and to see the engagement from the children (and parents and carers) it was a delight. The children loved sharing their hard work with you all, so thank you all for coming!



**Farewell and Welcome:** We say a fond farewell to Mrs Sharman-Moss in Reception and a resounding welcome to Mrs Bibi who will be sharing Reception with Mrs Luker. There will be a small shift in days with Mrs Luker taking Monday and Tuesday after half-term and Mrs Bibi Wednesday-Friday. Mrs Bibi is a very experienced qualified Primary teacher who has already made a significant positive impact in Reception.

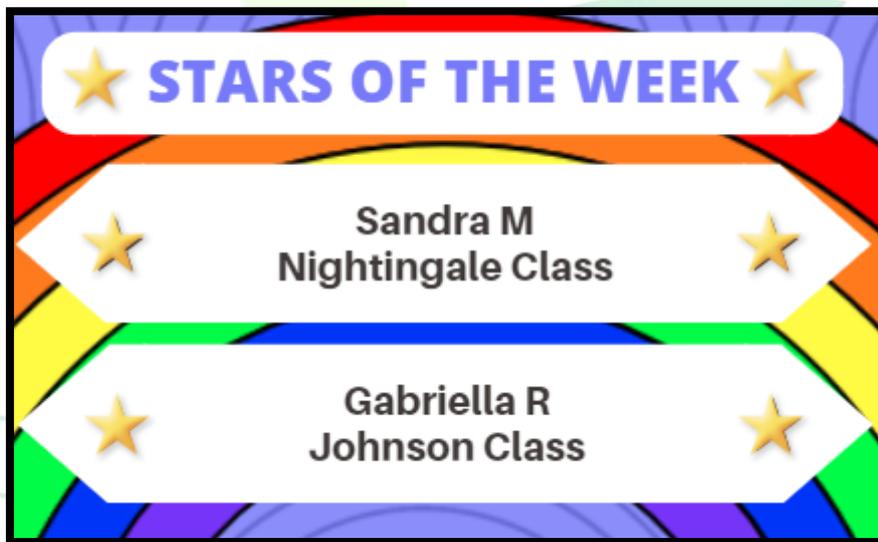
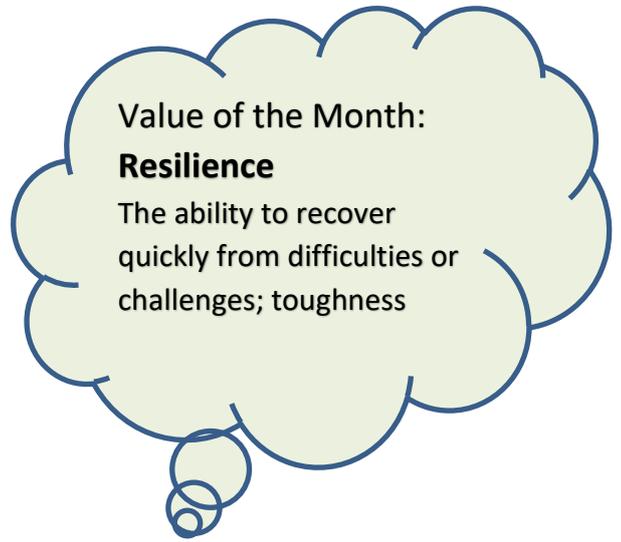
**Key Dates for your Diary:**

- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February, first day Spring Term 2
- Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, World Book Day – SAVE THE DATE!

Have a lovely half-term!

*Hiddleston*

*Julie Hiddleston and the school team*



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# CLUBS

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Monday	Tuesday
<p><b>Sway Dance Club</b> (£3) (all years) led by Ms Bladon 3:15-4:15pm lou Ms Bladon will collect your child from their class, there is no need to come to school until 4:15pm for collection.</p> <p><a href="#">CLICK HERE TO BOOK</a></p>	<p><b>Stagecoach</b> - £165 (per term) (Ages 4+) Led by Melissa Lewis (Stagecoach Principal) 4:00-5:30pm Starts on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September</p> <p>Please contact her directly to book - <a href="mailto:banbury@stagecoach.co.uk">banbury@stagecoach.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>Kidslingo Spanish Classes - £5 per class</b> 3:15-4:00pm Starts on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October We are delighted to announce that Kidslingo is launching a Tuesday After-school Spanish club from 30th of October for ages 4-7.</p> <p>To enrol your child, please follow the link below. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. <a href="#">Click here to book</a></p>
Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Phil Lines Football</b> – Ages 5-6 Price £3 per session Led by Phil Lines (Banbury United)</p> <p>We will be offering a free taster session soon, watch this space!</p>	<p><b>RugbyTots</b> – Ages 3.5+ - £4 per session 3:15-4:15pm Led by Vince Reynolds</p> <p><a href="#">CLICK HERE TO BOOK</a></p>

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