



Nightingale News



Autumn Term - December 2020



What an incredible half term it has been! Despite the national lockdown, global pandemic, copious amounts of hand sanitiser, physical distancing between bubbles and isolations, it has been a privilege to see the opportunities, experiences and learning provided for our children here at Nightingale Primary.

The staff team have got to know their children and classes so well, adapting and responding to the various learning needs within their classes. I must say a big thank you to all the staff, parents and members of our community who have turned this very different term at Nightingale into a huge success. Over the past weeks, the teaching team have been making assessments on how well the children have been progressing through their catch up curriculum. Although there is still lots of progress to be made, they remain focussed and motivated to fine tune their teaching practice to best meet the children's needs.

The focus on our new values has continued and this half term we have learned more about the meaning of Courage and Friendship. The children have learned about them and been encouraged to identify and celebrate them in others. This is what they have said.....

"Well done Betty for showing our value of friendship by making me smile and spreading a good mood."

"Well done Lillie-Marie for showing our value of friendship by telling Sofia that she had done a good job!"

"Well done Lily for showing our value of friendship by waiting to play the game she wanted to play."

"Well done to Duniour for showing our value of Friendship by helping me have a good day!"

"Well done Kye for showing our value of friendship by playing with me and always listening to me."

"Well done to Jack for showing our value of Friendship by being a positive person to be around."

"Well done Jack for showing our value of courage by owning up when he was wrong."

"Well done Isabelle and Amy for showing our value of courage by volunteering to lead part of whole school assembly."

"Well done Aflie for showing our value of courage by writing the long date when he didn't think he could."

"Well done Star for showing our value of courage by taking part in basketball even though she doesn't like it."

"Well done Pixie for showing our value of courage by being so brave when she fell over on her way into school."

"Well done Arthur for showing our value of courage by overcoming his fear of having his school photo taken."



Continued...

“Well done Riley for showing our value of courage by persevering in maths and never giving in.”

“Well done Daniella for showing our value of courage by trying really hard in handwriting when it is not easy for her.”

Throughout the Christmas break, praise your children when you see them showing our values of respect, courage, compassion and friendship.

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas. See you in 2021!

Mrs Hannah Beckett
Headteacher



Fundraising Success

Following the Harvest Festival this Autumn, Harry (Wagtail) wanted to help the people of Eastleigh who have suffered financial difficulty this year due to the pandemic.

Harry raised over £500 for Eastleigh Basics Bank through Facebook and cash donations and drew a picture for each person who made a donation.

BBC Radio Solent made a short video of Harry's fundraising success after featuring his appeal on their Facebook page. The video can be found [here](#).

To donate to this wonderful cause, please [click here](#). For more information on the Eastleigh Basics Bank please visit: www.eastleighbasicsbank.co.uk

Well done Harry!



Energy Kidz

Have you heard about our new after school club?

Energy Kidz follow a free choice philosophy in that they provide a fun and happy place for children to take part in activities, arts and crafts, sports, or just chill out and enjoy the variety of toys and games available. The club runs every day from school finish, until 6pm, and a snack will be served during the session.

You can find more information about Energy Kids and view their latest newsletter and leaflets on our [website](#).

Nightingale Noticeboard



DECEMBER	
Friday 18 th	Last day of Autumn Term
Christmas Holidays Monday 21 st December - Friday 1 st January	
JANUARY	
Monday 4 th	INSET day
Tuesday 5 th	First day of Spring Term
w/c Monday 11 th	Bikeability (Year 6)
w/c Monday 18 th	Mock SATs week (Year 6)
w/c Monday 25 th	Anti-Bullying Week
FEBRUARY	
Thursday 4 th	Photographer visiting for sibling photographs
Spring Half Term Monday 15 th - Friday 19 th February	
Monday 22 nd	First day back in school after half term
MARCH	
Date TBC	Minstead Residential (Year 5)
Thursday 25 th	Mid Year Reports out to Parents
Tuesday 29 th & Thursday 31 st	Parents Evening
APRIL	
Thursday 1 st	Last day of Spring term

APRIL	
Easter Holiday Friday 2 nd - Friday 16 th April	
Monday 19 th	First day of Summer Term
MAY	
Date TBC	Minstead Residential (Year 4)
Monday 3 rd	Bank Holiday
w/c Monday 10 th	SATs Week (Year 6)
Summer Half Term Monday 31 st May - Friday 4 th June	
JUNE	
Monday 7 th	INSET day
Tuesday 8 th	First day back in school after half term
Wednesday 23 rd	Crestwood Transition Day
Friday 25 th	INSET day
Tuesday 29 th	Crestwood Transition Day
JULY	
w/c Monday 5 th	Brecon Beacons Residential (Year 6)
Friday 23 rd	Last day of Summer Term
Summer Holidays Monday 26 th - Wednesday 1 st September	

Please note - All dates / events are subject to change
Please visit <https://www.nightingale.hants.sch.uk/news-and-events/> for all the latest new and events

Staffing Update



Miss Cook
LSA, Lapwing



Mrs Gates
Woodpecker



Miss Westbrook
Lunchtime Supervisor

In November, we welcomed Miss Cook who joined Lapwing Class as an LSA.

At the end of term, Mrs Gates and Miss Westbrook both started their Maternity Leave. We wish them all the happiness in the world and look forward to their return later in 2021.



In-Game Chat - A Guide for Parents & Carers

As the holidays approach we know that many of our children will be spending more time online, having fun gaming and chatting with their friends. Back in August of this year, CEOP released a YouTube video which includes 5 tips for parents and carers for supporting in-game chat. We wanted to share this with you - it is only 38 seconds long but you will hopefully find it helpful. To view the video, please click [here](#).



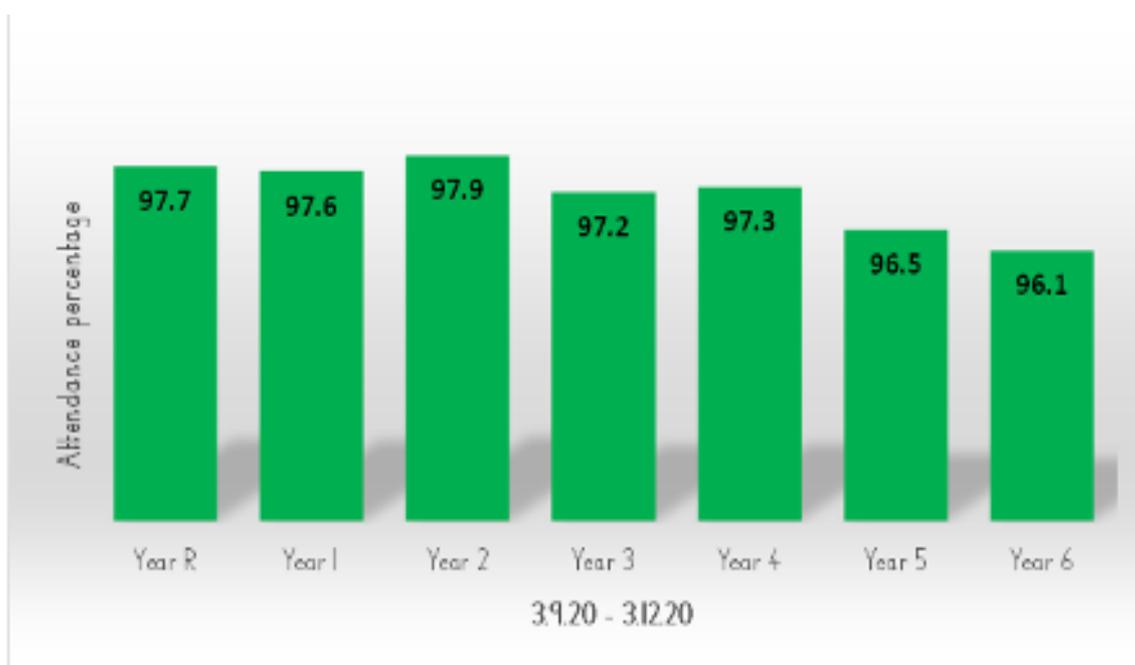
Attendance Corner

Wow! What a wonderful term for attendance this has been, despite the current situation.

For those children who have had to isolate due to Covid, they have participated in their home learning which has minimised the impact of their absence.

Our whole school target for attendance is 96% - we refer to this as Green Band attendance. I am thrilled to announce that the whole school is currently at 97.1% which is absolutely fantastic!

Here is a graph of the current year group attendance. I am sure you will agree this is amazing!



Thank you for your continued support.

Hayley Sharp
Welfare Leader



EYFS Autumn Learning

The EYFS children have had a busy half term with lots of new learning.

In Phonics the children have been learning their Read Write Inc set 1 sounds and learning to sound out and blend to read and build simple words using their magnetic boards and letter tiles. We have been really impressed with the children's effort and enthusiasm during our phonics sessions - well done Kingfishers and Woodpeckers!

The children have been working hard to be independent in their changing for PE and are beginning to get themselves dressed and undressed with more confidence; remembering to put all of their belongings neatly back into their bags. PE lessons have been lots of fun, especially when we have used some of our PE apparatus. We have been very lucky to have Coach Jake working with us this half term and the children are always very excited for his lessons.

Thank you all for your support with our Autumn Watch Day. This was a huge success despite the grey clouds and drizzle! The children had lots of fun exploring outdoor maths, den building, nature hunting and lots more!

Our Topic work around Light and its significance in celebrations and festivals has been filled with colour, exploration and celebration of our similarities and differences.

We wish all of the children and their families a wonderful Christmas and look forward to another fun-filled half term.



Learning outside in Autumn 2

The Year 1 team continue to be very impressed by the children and their enthusiasm for learning is a pleasure to see and hear each day.

We have been fortunate with the weather this half term and the children have enjoyed being able to interact with and make the most of our lovely school grounds to engage with their learning.

This half term the children found a dirty and soggy bear that been lost in our school grounds. We found one of the bears in a bush. The children used their imagination to think of different ways the bear may have got to our school and they learnt how to use adjectives to describe the bear.

They have enjoyed listening to the story of *The Bear and the Scary Night* and then wrote their own bear adventure stories. We were very impressed with the progress the children have made with their sentence writing with many of the children using their phonic knowledge to support spelling and lots more capital letter and full stops.

This half term the children have also learnt about Toys in History and Science. The children have been able to compare old and new toys and talk about the differences and similarities. They also have been investigating different materials and enjoyed learning some new words to describe the properties. Translucent was a favourite!

In Maths we have been focussing on addition and subtraction. This has included learning how to use the symbols to write a number sentence. The children have used pictures to solve the number problems and record their answer as a number sentence.

Autumn Watch was a great success. The children enjoyed making bird feeders, clay birds' nests and planting tulip bulbs for us to enjoy in the Spring. The children also made some large Autumn art in the style of the artist Andy Goldsworth.

It has a been a super productive half term in Year 1 and we have enjoyed watching the children develop in confidence in all that they do in school.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Year 1 Team



Year Two

Since half term, we have been exploring the story of 'The Lion Inside' and then 'The Lion and the Mouse' in English. We have been using roleplay and discussion to increase our understanding of each story, the characters and what they learn from the story. Then we have been focusing on our sentence structure, and developing our rich vocabulary to describe feelings, give a setting and character description and write our own riddles about animals from the story.

We started this half term by completing our learning in money recognition and linking this to our problem solving and reasoning in addition and subtraction problems. Then we went on a shape hunt around our learning areas and spent time discussing the shapes we knew. We shared our knowledge of the properties of these shapes (Did you know that a circle only has one side?) to then support us in our later exploration of 3D shapes! We were all pretty confident in comparing numbers with our developing understanding of tens and ones, number and place value.

We started this half term off fantastically by studying fireworks in art. We explored the colours and shapes of fireworks using pastels. Our topic learning in Science has brought us into the wonderful world of materials; discussing materials we know and what they can be used for. Our Autumn Watch day was a huge success. We enjoyed exploring colour and shape in the school grounds. We mixed our findings in with some art projects, creating beautiful butterfly leaf art and creating seed balls to feed birds in our houses and gardens.



We have seen some great efforts in home spelling practise and have been sending lots of ClassDojo points as well. Everyone has been really engaged in the hands on learning and games around sounds and spellings and we have been very impressed by the children's growing confidence.

We have been practising our Christmas songs daily for the Christmas video which we will post out on Christmas Jumper Day (Thursday 17th December) so please remember to wear jumpers for this day. We are very excited for our Christmas lunch and Christmas activities in preparation.

Have a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year! The Year Two Team 😊





Year 3 Newsletter



Welcome to the next instalment of our half termly newsletter!



Science

This half term, has been around exploring different types of rocks. The children tested the rocks for permeability and examined the hardness of the rocks. They then discussed how people in the Stone Age would use these different types of rocks to survive.



Stone Age Virtual Workshop

We were very lucky to have an enriching virtual workshop to learn more about the Stone Age. He taught us about the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic periods and how the Stone Age changed Britain. He also showed us lots of artefacts including tools fixed together with glue made of poo. EWW!



Autumn Watch

See our Autumn Watch newsletter for more information about our fantastic day!



Feeling sporty through lockdown!

We have been learning different positions in gymnastics this term including: The bridge, shoulder stand, dishes and arches. We have progressively added to the difficulty each week by exploring how to travel from one move to the over and even incorporating apparatus into it. We have also been extremely lucky to have sessions with the talented Coach Jake each week who has been teaching us different ball skills.



Children in Need

For 'Children in Need' this year we took part in the last bit of Joe Wick's 24hr challenge. We don't understand how Joe managed it as we were exhausted after only 20 minutes!



International Week of the Deaf

As a school, we have been celebrating 'The International Week of the Deaf'. Here are some pictures to show the sign language we have learnt. Good morning, Wash your hands please and I love you. We are currently learning Jingle Bells using BSL too so watch this space!

Listen 2 Me

We have been learning the Ukulele this term and the children are almost ready to show you how amazing they are! Watch out for our end of term video coming to Class Dojo soon!



Good morning



I love you.



Wash your hands, please

Year 4

Welcome to the super stars of Year 4!

Year 4 have been super busy this half term. The children have been learning about Native Americans, including their way of life and children made some wonderful dream catchers. We have been learning about the state of matter in science and the now know about how particles act in materials in a solid state, liquid state and gas state. We have continued to work hard to remember all the maths we learnt last year and have been busy improving our skills, including written methods for addition and subtraction, learning our 4 and 8 times tables and learning about measurements of length.. We have also been learning about parallel lines and angles. In English we have been writing a diary entry about 'The Iron Man' and are now writing wintry poems ready for Christmas!



The children in year also had the wonderful opportunity to have an outdoor day where they learned about saws, fire and the environment. They children went on a leaf scavenger hunt and made birds feeder. They finished the day by cooking marshmallows on the fire.



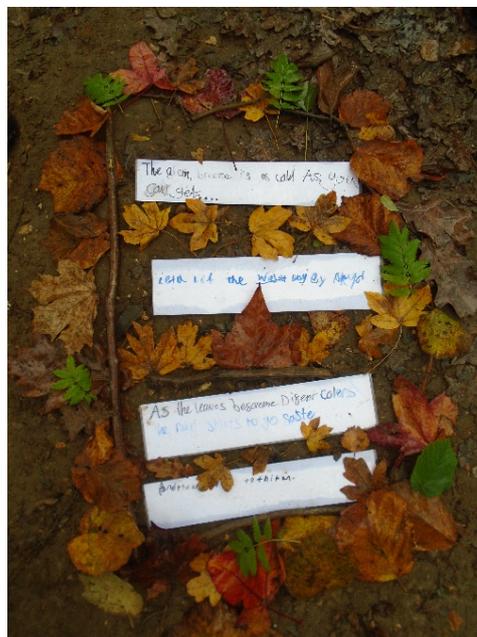
Year 5

The children in Year 5 have continued to work exceedingly hard over this half term and have continued to build on their learning behaviours and resilience.

Our topic of Space has been a huge hit, particularly with the addition of the English work on the 'newly found' planet of Pandora. All classes have produced work of an exceedingly high standard, while continuing to bridge the gaps in their knowledge, and had great fun whilst doing so. Within science, the children have learnt about light and how it travels, including how its path is blocked by opaque objects or changed by passing through different liquids. They have also been learning about the planets in our solar system and learning a little about the differences in sizes and orbits.



Most thrilling of all, has been our Autumn Watch Day. The children were so excited to take part in each of the activities, but Worm Charming and collecting was definitely the winner on the day! Each class managed to collect a tray full of worms which were then used to create their own wormeries. The children also worked on some beautiful Autumn poetry using the natural objects around them as their stimuli. The natural world also become their template when they used leaves to create art work in the style of Andy Goldsworthy.



Year 6

What a busy half term we have had in Year 6 in Autumn 2. We have been working hard and learning so much in our topic 'Crime and Punishment', as well as on our Autumn Watch Day.

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

Our topic this half term has been based on crime and punishment throughout British History, with a particular focus on the Tudors, Georgians and Victorians. We have learnt about how to use charcoal to create different effects by creating pictures based on the poem 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. The children have also used different techniques and materials to create collages of Victorian jail scenes.



AUTUMN WATCH DAY

Buzzards and Peregrines had the most amazing day on our Autumn Watch Day! In the morning, we gathered natural resources from the grounds and created our own Andy Goldsworthy style art installations – we used these as our archery targets later on in the afternoon. Following that, we constructed our own bows and arrows using sticks, string, hacksaws, wool and a very clever knot, called a Clove Hitch Knot. To finish our day, we used natural ingredients (fruits, vegetables, coffee, spices) to create our own paints. We did observational drawings of leaves and used our homemade paints to add some colour. The colours acted much like water colours... but didn't smell much like them! One of our favourite ingredients to use was blackberries and one of our least favourites was carrot water.



SCIENCE

In Science this half term, we have continued our learning about light. We have learned that light travels in straight lines and that it can be reflected. To investigate the effects of reflection, we made our own periscopes. We also made our own shadow puppets to investigate how opaque objects create shadows and what happens when objects move closer to or further away from a light source.



HOME LEARNING PROJECT

To start our Crime & Punishment topic, the children in Year 6 completed a home learning project in Half Term. The children created some fantastic learning including a life size and miniature pillory, a 'Witch Hunt' board game, working ducking stool model and much, much more...
Fantastic effort Year 6, we're so proud of you!





Library Link



HAMPSHIRE ILLUSTRATED PICTURE BOOK AWARD

During the Autumn term, year 5 pupils, along with pupils from over 120 other schools across Hampshire, read, analysed, scrutinised, reviewed, discussed, judged and voted for their favourite illustrated picture book for older readers. As you can see from their results table, it was a very close contest. Did our winner match the overall county winner?

Title	Front Cover	Author & Illustrator	Year 5 Votes
The Dam		Written by David Almond Illustrated by Levi Pinfold	5
The Day War Came		Written by Nicola Davies Illustrated by Rebecca Cobb	4
The Last Tree		Written and illustrated by Emily Haworth-Booth	23
A Christmas Carol		Adapted by Tony Milton Illustrated by Mike Redman	23
Once Upon a Wild Wood		Written and illustrated by Chris Riddell	14
#Goldilocks		Written by Jeanne Willis Illustrated by Tony Ross	6

Travelling Book Fair

This year the book fair was definitely different, but still totally awesome and an overwhelming success. A huge 'thank you' to the staff and pupils for following all the guidelines to ensure that everyone could experience the book fair safely.

We appreciate the patience of parents (and children) who have waited while we order, pack, quarantine and distribute the children's wishes. Also a 'thank you' goes out to Tesco for providing the Christmas bags for the special delivery.



You broke all records and purchased over £1,800 of books, raising a whopping £900 in rewards to spend on new library books. Look out for these wonderful new books in January.

And the HIBA 2020 winner is... A Christmas Carol

Can you unravel the Author's name jumbled in the grid?

R	B	Y	Q	O	H
W	A	L	M	F	N
S	T	Find The Author		D	C
A	G			E	B
L	J	G	P	R	M
V	A	K	I	E	X



'I will honour Christmas in my heart,
and try to keep it all the year.'

Charles Dickens
A Christmas Carol

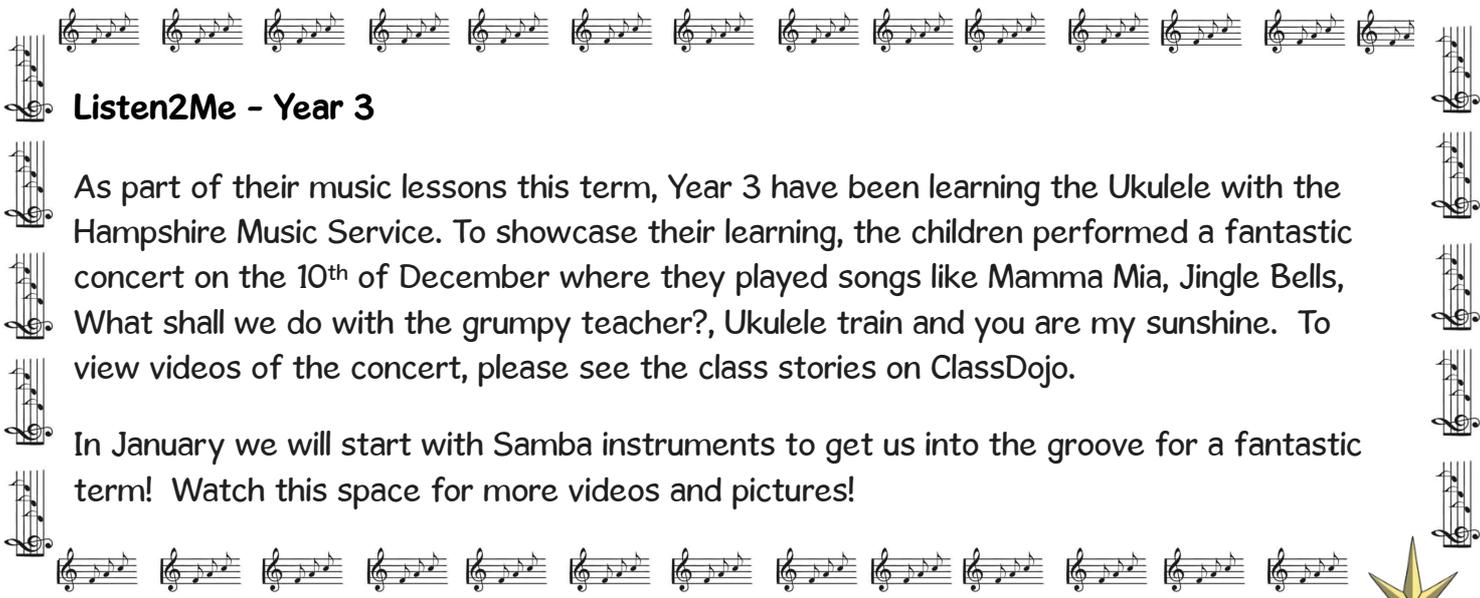
The Name Game

How many children in our school are named

Holly?

Can you name them all? First and last names?

Michael Morpurgo was jumbled in the grid. Francesca Simon wrote Horrid Henry's Underpants and Axel Scheffler illustrated Room on the Broom. There are 3 children who names are Frankie or Franklyn.



Listen2Me - Year 3

As part of their music lessons this term, Year 3 have been learning the Ukulele with the Hampshire Music Service. To showcase their learning, the children performed a fantastic concert on the 10th of December where they played songs like Mamma Mia, Jingle Bells, What shall we do with the grumpy teacher?, Ukulele train and you are my sunshine. To view videos of the concert, please see the class stories on ClassDojo.

In January we will start with Samba instruments to get us into the groove for a fantastic term! Watch this space for more videos and pictures!



Well done Nightingale!



HAVE YOUR SAY! As you know, we like to provide parents and carers with the opportunity to raise concerns, make comments about the school in general, share new ideas which may help other parents or the school, compliment us or simply have their say about a schooling issue. If you would like to share with us, please click [here](#) to email us with the subject 'Have your Say'.