**Year 1 Nightingale and Seacole Classes   
Newsletter: 24th February 2020**

Welcome back after half term break. We hope you had a fantastic break and are looking forward to a new half term of exciting learning.

**On the Land and Under the Sea!**

This half term our topic is ‘On the Land and Under the Sea”. The children will be learning all about our country, landscapes, geographical features and life under the sea. We will be exploring our topic across the curriculum, learning about the four countries which make up the United Kingdom and learning all about the creatures and plants we can find under the sea.

**Budding composers**

This half term the children will be exploring with musical instruments to create their own pieces of music inspired by their learning. Look out for your invite to come and listen to their super compositions.

**Our learning**

Please look at our class web page to see what will be learning about this half term. There are always pictures and examples of our fantastic work for you to look at, as well as ideas and resources which will help to extend our learning at home.

**Reading – Come in and read with us!**

To continue to support your child’s reading at home, please read with your child every day for five minutes. The children who are reading at home are making the most progress, so it is important to make the time to read with your child. We would also like to invite you to come in to class **every Friday from 08:45-09:00** to read with your child. You can also use this time to speak to the class teacher about strategies you can use to support your child’s reading. We look forward to welcoming you into class!

**Phonics Workshop – March 4th**

In June, your children will be taking the Phonics Screening check. In preparation for this, we will be holding a phonics workshop for all Year 1 parents where you will learn strategies to support your child’s reading. We will also be explaining the process of the screening check and giving you tips to prepare your child for it. Please join us in the school hall from **9:00 to 9:30 on Wednesday 4th March**.

**P.E. Kit reminder**

Please see below the correct uniform for P.E. Please ensure all items are labelled, in a labelled bag. Children can keep their bag in the class P.E. box.



We look forward to another fantastic first half term with your children!

Miss Byrne and Mrs Moore



**Diary Dates: Spring 2020**

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| **Date** | **Year Group** | **Time** | **Event** |
| Friday 28th February | Year 2 | am | Trip to Derby Art Gallery |
| Tuesday 3rd March | Year 4 | All day | Trip to Wollaton Hall (The Romans) |
| Wednesday 4th March | Year 1 | 9.00 – 9.30 am | Year 1 Phonics Test –  Meeting for Parents |
| Thursday 5th March | All | day | World Book Day |
| Friday 6th March | Year 3 | day | Ancient Egypt day at Derby Museum |
| Year 5 | day | Art and Architecture visit to  St Peter’s Church |
| Monday 9th March | Mini Police | am | National Justice Museum Visit |
| Monday 9th to  Friday 13th March | ALL |  | STEM WEEK Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths events in all classes |
| Thursday 12th March | All | day | Sports Relief Charity Day |
| Monday 16th March | Year 6 | 3.30 – 4.00 pm | SATs meeting for families |
| Thursday 19th and Friday 20th March | All | p.m. | Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea |
| Wednesday 25th March | Year 5 | am | Visit to Cornerstone church Easter event |
| Wednesday 25th March | Year 5 | 3.15pm | Parent meeting for residential trip |
| Thursday 26th March | Year 3 | pm | Sports Festival (selected children only) |
| Wednesday 1st April | All | 2.00 – 4.30 pm | Parent – Teacher Meetings |
| Thursday 2nd April | All | 3.30 – 6.00 pm | Parent – Teacher Meetings |
| Years 3 & 4 | 2.00 – 3.00 pm | Big Class Assembly for families |
| Friday 3rd April | All | 3.15pm | School Closes for Easter Holiday |
| Monday 20th April | All | 8.45am | School re-opens |