

# **Class Nightingale Newsletter**

Welcome back to another term. I hope you have all had a very deserved break and are ready for another term of exciting, thoughtful and purposeful learning. This will be a busy term in the run up to the Christmas break, including practicing for our nativity. I am excited to see the children develop and grow as we move through our second term as Nightingale class. We will continue to promote our love for learning within the West Vale Academy. As always we will be reinforcing our class and school values — Respect, Ready and Safe

## Maths

# Reception-

They will begin by exploring circles and triangles. They will then develop their knowledge of numbers and expand this by



exploring 1,2,3,4,5. They will learn to form the numbers, explore how to make the numbers and different representations of the numbers.

#### Year 1 and year 2 -

The children will learn to explore 2D and 3D shapes. The children then will build on previous learning or addition and subtraction with larger numbers to 100

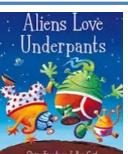
# <u>Geography</u>

Spatial Sense



Throughout this unit children will be forming an understanding that maps, made by cartographers, give us information about different locations. They will look at simple map symbols and understand what they represent.





## English:

# Reception/ Year 1—Talk Through Stories

Alien loves underpants. The children will orally discuss the vocabulary, familiar phrases.

#### Year 2—Tell me a Dragon

In which they will create their own dragon and use descriptive language to describe the Dragon.

#### Science:

#### Astronomy Year 1/2

Pupils will be introduced to the planets of our solar system and will begin to understand orbit and rotation. They will begin to understand why there is life on earth. We will demonstrate how light from the sun gives us day, and how the

rotation of the earth gives us night. They will then study the phases of the moon, recognising that although our view of the moon



changes throughout the phases, the moon itself does not change shape.

#### Reception—Space

They will learn about our sun and how it warms our planet, how gravity keeps us from falling off the ground.

# **PSHE**

# **Health and Wellbeing**

The children will describe a range of feelings and develop simple strategies for managing them. Learn the physical benefits of physical exercise

### Music:

Identify a few instruments and the sounds of different sections of the orchestra. The children will understand



The children will understand what is happening in the music using language relating to emotion.

## Class messages:

PE will take place on a Monday afternoon

Homework will be sent home on a Friday, can this be returned on a Wednesday.

YEAR 1 and 2 —will have a spelling test on a Friday morning.

The children should be reading at daily at home—Please can parents/ guardians remember to write in the reading records. The children will be given team points depending on how much the have read at home.

# Important dates to remember:

6th December—PFA Christmas Fair 12th December—Christmas jumper day 17th and 18th December—Nativity 19th December —Pantomime 20th December —Break up