Nightingale Class

Our new learning theme for this half term is…

**Why is Earth called the Blue Planet?**

Our focus will be Science and Geography. We will be looking into different aspects of life on Earth, with a particular focus on marine life. We will combine studies into how human bodies work with how other animals survive in different habitats and with different diets.

Most of our learning will be linked to our main theme, although some subjects i.e. Maths, will continue to be taught separately.

In **English** we will start off the term looking at the book *This Morning I Met A Whale* by *Michael Morpurgo*. It tells the story of boy meeting a whale one morning in the Thames and will give us a starting point to begin studying marine life and how humans affect it. This will be continued when we look at the story *Somebody Swallowed Stanley* by *Sarah Roberts* and look into ocean pollution.

Our focus will then shift to the story *Professor Astro-cat’s Human Body Odyssey* by *Dominic Walliman* for a closer look into the science of how our bodies work. The children will use this to help them write non-fiction pages about the human body.

Our **Maths** this half term will begin with a focus on measuring mass and capacity. The children have spent some time this year looking at units of measure using length and distance so this unit follows on to let us look at different units of measure.

We will then recap fractions which we spent a lot of time working on last term. The half term will then end with us beginning to recognise and make different amounts of Money.

In **Science** we are studying animals including humans. We will learn about healthy diets and food groups as well as how our bodies move using muscles and bones. This will also lead us into looking to different types of marine animals and how their bodies and diets differ.

Our **Geography** work will focus on the oceans of the world and underwater habitats. We will also look at pollution and the GPGP (Great Pacific Garbage Patch).

In **Art** we will be creating different water scenes using washes, collage and perspective.

**Summer Term 1**

**Why is Earth called the Blue Planet?**

Dates for your diary**:**

**Bank Holiday:** Monday 2nd May

**Coronation Bank Holiday:** Monday 8th May

**Coronation Celebration**: Friday 12th May

**Start of Summer Term 2:** Monday 5th June

**Links to previous learning…**

Our theme lessons will allow is to build on previous knowledge of the world’s oceans and the animals and habitats within it. It will also help us build upon previous learning about how the human body works including the importance of a healthy and balanced diet.

We will be recapping the importance of preserving and helping the planet when we were looking at the importance of bees last term.

How to support your child at home:

Sharing stories and listening to your child read can really help further their learning at home. I completely understand that life can be busy, but even 10 minutes a day can make a big difference.

Your child should also be logging onto Times Tables Rockstars as often as possible to work on their recall of the times tables. There are also plenty of games and activities available on Purple Mash. If you need any help logging in with these please let me know.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to come and speak to me. Thank you in advance for your support.

Mr. Cocks

Reminders:

Please ensure your child brings their reading book to school every day so that they have the opportunity to read independently or with an adult.

A reminder that we will be **swimming every Friday until the end of term**. Your child needs to bring their swimming kit each week including a towel and a swimming hat.

As part of our healthy eating approach, we do not allow squash or flavoured water in school, so please make sure your child has only water in their bottle. If your child would like a snack at break time, we ask that you send them to school with fresh fruit or vegetables to help encourage a healthy diet.