



Year 1 – Downs Way – Spring Term 2018

Everyone at Downs Way is supported, challenged and secure in a caring environment.

English Learning

Our topic for the half term is 'Nurturing Nurses'. We will explore the text *The Lonely Beast* by Chris Judge. We will be immersing ourselves in the text through drama, role play, exploring characters thoughts and feelings building up to writing a newspaper report. Alongside this, we will learn how to spell common exception words and how to use them in our sentences. We will also be looking at different conjunctions such as 'and & because'.



Topic Learning

Science – This half term we will be investigators. We will be learning how to investigate and explore different 'topics' in science. We will develop our understanding of working scientifically, asking and answering questions.

History – Our topic is nurturing nurses. We will be exploring the role nurses play in society today and famous nurses such as Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole.

Computing –

Music – We will explore Rhythm in the way we walk and Banana Rap.

RE – We will be exploring the different Saints in Christianity and look at the Easter story and why it is important to Christians.

Art & DT – We will be looking at Pablo Picasso this half term. We learn how to draw self-portraits and use Picasso style of art to influence our own.

PSHE & British Values – We will be looking at the topic 'good to be me'. We will discuss why it is good to be unique.

PE – We will be exploring the large PE apparatus, practicing how to balancing on a piece of equipment.

Maths Learning

Throughout this half term we will continue to develop our knowledge of number by adding and subtraction numbers to 40 and beyond. We will be looking at fact families to 20. We will also develop our understanding of capacity and weight through practical and outside learning.



Learning Alongside the Termly Topic

We will be continuing with the MindUp program and will learn more about the brain. We will learn about why we do brain breaks and the benefits of doing them. Ask your child to do a brain break at home with you!

We will continue to be like 'The Questioner' and develop the way we ask questions.

Alongside Literacy we will continue to develop phonological awareness with a continued focus on reading split digraphs within real words and alien words. We will be developing our understanding of texts in guided reading.

Supporting Learning At Home

Daily reading for 15 minutes, weekly handwriting homework and phonics play <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/InteractiveResources.htm> Thank you for your continued support! 😊