



## THORNHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Lion Class Learning Diary

**Week beginning: 21st January 2019**

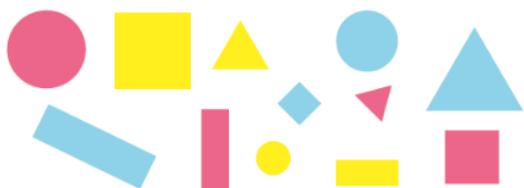
#### **Literacy**

Children will be writing non-fiction (information/facts) accounts and letters from Florence Nightingale. We will be using our learning on -ed words to ensure that we write about what Florence did in the past tense. For example, we will be using words studied, travelled, cleaned, scrubbed, washed etc when writing about what she did. For our independent writing we will be writing our letters from Florence on tea-stained paper to make it look like it was really written by her!

#### **Maths**

This week, we will be working on 'shape' and 'patterns'. Children will consolidate their knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes, through naming and describing them. We will work on sorting 2D shapes according to the number of sides they have, or their colour. We will then work on creating repeating patterns using shapes. Here is an example of a question from our textbook:

**In Focus**



How can we group the shapes?

#### **Topic**

This week, our Art will continue to focus on Van Gogh and we will study his famous piece 'Starry Night'. We will continue to develop our skill in using oil pastels to create short and spiral lines as used in Van Gogh's piece of work! Children will use 'viewfinders' to help them to focus on a small piece of the painting when recreating it into their own masterpiece!

In Music, children will learn how to play the notes C and D on both an ocarina and glockenspiel when playing along to our song 'In the Groove'.

#### **P.E**

On a Monday, children will have PE with Rising Stars sports coach and will be developing their skills in Games. Children will be continuing to develop their throwing skills and focus their new learning on catching. They will learn that they need to keep their eye on the ball and make their hands stretched and cupped to help them be successful in catching a ball.

#### **Information**

Our PE days are on a Monday and Friday. Please ensure children do not wear earrings on these days or have tape in their kit to cover them with.

#### **Homework**

Please continue to read regularly at home with your child. A minimum of 3 times a week will support them in their learning. Children will be able to choose a reward from the box if they have read 3 or more times in a week! New spellings will now be given out on a Monday. Children will be checked on these words on Friday. Homework this week will be related to maths and will involve creating repeating patterns using shape.

**Thank you, Miss E Nolan, Miss Connolly and Miss Ewelina**