




Starlings Class



Autumn 1 Newsletter


Welcome to the Autumn 1 newsletter. This new school year promises to be filled with new opportunities and learning! The teachers in year 4 are Mr Geake, Mr Hirst, Mrs Mawson and Mrs Parnaby.


If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you.


Our Christian values this term are: 


Kindness and Respect

What are we learning:

In English, we will start off with poetry about our summer, and then move on to narrative setting for story writing. We will be exploring sentence structure, adding fronted adverbials to our work, and experimenting with different descriptive techniques. 

In maths, we will be spending a lot of time on the fundamentals, such as place value, addition, and subtraction. In addition to this, we will be practising our times tables daily in preparation for the year 4 times table check at the end of the year. 

In science, we are looking at states of matter and exploring how solids, liquids and gases behave, and looking at where rain comes from. 

In geography, we are learning how to use atlases and maps to identify countries and their physical and human features. We will also be using compasses and grid references. 

What are we Reading?

This term we will be reading **Night Bus Hero** by Onjali Q. Raúf



We will also be reading a range of picture books, poetry and non-fiction texts linked to our history, science and writing topics.



Homework

Each week, the homework expectation is:

- Complete the spelling assignment on EdShed. This will be set each Friday, to be completed by the following Friday.
- Complete 20 minutes per week on TTRockstars (practising all timestables.)
- To read each day, either their school book or a book of their choice.

There will be TTRockstars club on Thursday lunchtimes and Spelling club on Thursday lunchtimes to help support anyone who cannot access the apps at home that week. We also have sheets in the classroom for those who have trouble accessing for that week. If you have lost or cannot access EdShed or TTRockstars, please let me know as soon as possible.

Links and areas to support current learning.

Maths

Each half term we have a key instant recall fact that we will focus on. For this half-term it will be:

- To count in multiples of 1000 and 25.

English

We will be looking at how to construct good quality sentences. This will include using compound sentences and subordinating clauses. Here is a website with some subject knowledge to support at home.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zbvqkty#zywrwsg>

Upcoming dates

18th September:
Individual Class Photos

8th October:
Open Classroom

14th and 22nd October:
Parents' evening

23rd and 24th October:
Inset days



PE and Music

PE will be on **Monday and Wednesday** this term, so children will need to be in their kit that day. Also please can any ear piercings be removed beforehand, otherwise they won't be able to take part.



Music will be on **Wednesday** mornings, so they will need to bring their ukueles in each Wednesday.

TTRockstars

Timestables are a big focus in year 4 and the children will be practising daily at school and have regular time on TTRockstars. Children are asked to spend time at home, practising these too. We will have a TTRockstar of the week for children who work extremely hard.