

# Starlings Class



Autumn 2 Newsletter

Welcome to the Autumn 2 newsletter.

This half term, leading up to Christmas, promises to be filled with interesting and engaging learning and activities.

The teachers in year 4 are Mr Geake, Mr Hirst, and Mrs Mawson

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

Our Christian values this term are:



**respect** and  
**kindness**

## What are we learning:

In English, we will start off writing a fantasy story and practice all the skills needed to be good authors. We will also write an instructional guide based on The Grinch.



In maths, we will be practicing multiplication and division - 3, 6, 7, 9, 11, and 12. As before, 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 how electricity works, and linking to DT where we will be making a functioning torch.



In history we are learning about the Anglo Saxons, Picts and Scots, and how historians and archaeologists use artifacts to learn about the past.



## 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:

- 6 times table facts

### 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



7th November - Non-uniform day.  
donations for the chocolate tombola

13th November - Forest School

27th November: Whole School Panto

16th December: Christmas Craft Day

18th December: Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

19th December: Last day of term.



## 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.