



Starlings Class



Spring 1 Newsletter

Welcome to the Spring Term—a fresh new chapter, where our Year 4 pupils will be engaged in some exciting learning and new challenges together.

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

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

Our Christian values this term are:



Community
and
Thankfulness

What are we learning:

In English, we will start off writing a newspaper report about the Vikings' raid on Lindisfarne. We will also be practicing our poetry skills and writing a persuasive argument.



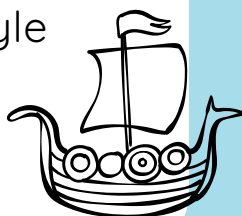
In maths, we will be practicing multiplication and division - looking at factors, as well as using 2 and 3 digits in our sums. As before, we will be practising our times tables daily in preparation for the year 4 times table check at the end of the year.



In science, we are looking at the human impact on the environment.



In history we are learning about the Vikings, and how historians and archaeologists use artifacts to learn about the past. We will link this to DT where we will bake some Viking style bread!



What are we Reading?

This term we will be concluding 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:

- 9 and 11 times table facts
- Multiply and divide by 10 and 100

English

We will be looking at how to construct good quality sentences. This will include using compound sentences and subordinating clauses, as well as poetic language such as metaphors and similes. Here is a website with some subject knowledge to support at home.

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

Upcoming dates

10th February:
Young Voices



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.