

# Starlings Class



Spring 2 Newsletter

Welcome to Spring 2 –a busy and exciting half term where our Year 4 pupils will continue building their skills and embracing new opportunities to shine as we move further into the season. 🌸

The teachers in year 4 are Mr Geake, Mr Hirst, Mrs Triffitt 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 with writing a persuasive holiday brochure about York and Athens, moving on to narrative skills and a biography



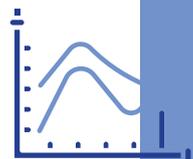
In maths, we will be looking at fractions and decimals. As before, we will be practising our times tables daily in preparation for the year 4 times table check at the end of the year.



In science, we are looking at digestion and food chains.



In geography, we will be looking at Greece and comparing it to the UK, honing our skills on maps using and graph drawing.

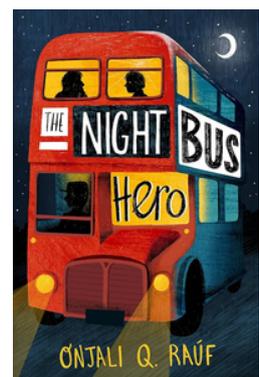


In art, the children will study water - how to paint it and how to use water colours.



## 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:

- Know the multiplication and division facts for the 7 and 12 times tables

### 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

- Monday 2nd-6th March: Readathon
- Monday 2nd March: Parents' Evening
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day
- Monday 9th March: Open Classrooms
- Thursday 12th March: Parents' Evening
- Friday 13th March: Y3/4 Forest School
- Monday 16th-20th March: Forest School Week
- Wednesday 25th March Easter Disco

## 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. They will do dodgeball and tag rugby.

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.