


Starlings Class

Summer 1 Newsletter



Welcome to Summer 1 - an exciting half-term where our Year 4 pupils will continue to build on their learning, enjoy new experiences, and make the most of the brighter days ahead as they grow in confidence and independence. 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: 
Perseverance
and
Forgiveness

What are we learning:

In English, we will start with reading some Greek myths, and the children will then write their own. Then we will look at writing an explanation text and a diary entry.



In maths, we will be looking at fractions and decimals; measuring time and money; and geometry. 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 sound and how vibrations are needed to make it, along with pitch and volume.



In geography, we will be looking at how food is transported around the world.



In DT, to tie in with our geography, the children will make a Greek salad.



What are we Reading?

This term we will be reading Land of Roar by Jenny McLachlan



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:

- Recognise **decimal equivalents** of:
 $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$

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



- Thursday 16th April: Cricket workshop
- 23rd April: Parent and child OPAL afternoon
- 4th May: Early May Bank Holiday
- Friday 22nd May: Teacher training day - pupils off school

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 **swimming on Monday** and **tennis on Wednesday**.

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



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.