




Starlings Class

Summer 2 Newsletter



Welcome to Summer 2—our final half-term of the year, filled with exciting opportunities to celebrate achievements, reflect on progress, and enjoy a range of engaging activities as our Year 4 pupils prepare for the next stage of their learning journey. 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:

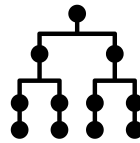
In English, we will start with a short story, focussing on pupils' editing skills to use the writing features we have been practicing all year. We will also write a diary entry and explanation text.



In maths, we will be looking at time, money, statistics and geometry. The year 4 times table check will be in the first week, but we will continue regular practice even after the test.



In science, we are looking at classification of plants and animals.



In history, we will be looking at Ancient Greece, and we will make Greek-style clay pot in art.



In computing, the children will practice coding.



In RE, we will be asking: why do some people think life is a journey?



What are we Reading?

This term we will be continuing 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.

Upcoming dates



- Wednesday 3rd June: MTC times tables check
- Thursday 4th June: Forest School and Camp
- Friday 5th June: Camp Activities
- Monday 22nd June: Class Photos
- Wednesday 24th June: OPAL afternoon
- Thursday 25th June: KS2 Talent Show (4pm)
- Friday 26th June non uniform day
- 1st - 2nd July - Moving Up Days
- Friday 3rd July: Sports Day
- Friday 3rd July: FOKF Summer Fair
- Wednesday 8th July: Year 3 and Year 4 music performance to parents
- Friday 17th July: term ends
- Monday 20th July: Teacher Training Day

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 how many days are in each month
- Know all multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12.

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>

Homework

Each week, the homework expectation is:

- Complete the spelling assignment on **Spelling Shed**. 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.

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 **athletics 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.