



Starling Class 2024

Spring Newsletter

Arrival and departures	Please ensure children arrive at school between 8:35 and 8:45am. It is essential that they are on time so learning isn't missed. Pick up is at 3:15pm.
What to bring to school	Book bag (with reading record), water bottle and weather appropriate clothing. Long hair must be tied back every day.
PE	PE this term will be on Thursday afternoons. Please make sure children are wearing appropriate kit and not wearing earrings on PE days.
Forest School	Forest School will be on a Wednesday with Mrs Garrod. The children need to have wellies and a waterproof coat in school each week and wear clothes suitable for outside learning.
Reading	Please ensure that your child reads daily and that an adult signs their reading record, this is one of the bests ways to support your child's learning at home. Read at home 5 times a week to win a raffle ticket for Race2Read. Carbrooke Book Club is on Tuesday evening, please record reading minutes on the bookmark provided.
Times Tables	It is important for your child to continue to practise their times tables, especially if they are not yet secure in this knowledge. TTRS (Times Tables Rock Stars) is a brilliant way to do this. We would like to see children logging onto the site and completing some challenges each week.
Homework	Homework will be set on Google Classroom each Friday and should be submitted either via Google Classroom or a paper copy brought into class.
Spelling	We will be focusing on different spelling patterns in class each week. Children will be supported in school to learn and apply different spelling patterns. Reading is also a great way for children to improve their spelling generally.
Contact	Please feel free to speak to me at 3.15 when you pick up your child, or contact me via Google classroom or the school office to arrange a mutually convenient time to talk. Google Classroom code: wlgoai7

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Curriculum Letter

<u>Spring 1</u>	
English	Our core text this half term is 'The Good Thieves by Katherine Rundell and we will be working towards writing a short story and a newspaper report.
Maths	In maths, we will start by learning more about fractions, moving on to further developing our use of multiplication and division. Good times table knowledge will be extremely useful for both of these topics!
Science	This half term we are focusing on properties and changes of materials. We will investigate how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating. We will also look at different types of changes, both reversible and irreversible.
Topic	This term we will be exploring the USA in geography, focusing on New York. This will include both physical and human geography of the city and we will be developing our map skills. We will also compare New York City and Norwich.
RE	Our key question this half term is 'How do Hindus explain the suffering in the world?'
PSHE	Belonging to a Community, Media Literacy and Digital Resilience
Computing	Selection in Physical Computing
Music	We will be learning about jazz music and particularly the music that was popular in the 1920s.
Art	New York landmarks drawn and coloured using different mediums: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pencil• Crayon• Watercolour Looking at the work of Georgia O'Keeffe on New York skylines.

Spring 2	
English	Our core text will be 'Space Race' by Ben Hubbard. We will be writing information texts and poems.
Maths	In maths we will be doing further work on fractions, as well as decimals and percentages, perimeter and area.
Science	Earth and Space We will be able to describe the movement of the Earth, the moon and the other planets, in the solar system. We will find out why we have day and night on earth.
Topic	Our history topic this term is all about the Space Race. We will be finding out about how different countries were trying to be the first to get humans into space and discovering who succeeded.
RE	Our question in RE this term is 'How do questions about Brahman and Atmen influence the way a Hindu lives their life?'
PSHE	Money and Work
Computing	Flat-file Databases
Music	We will be learning and performing the song 'Make you feel my love'.
Art/DT	We will design and create models of the solar system.

We have another exciting term ahead of us!

With my best wishes,

Ms Cooper