

Welcome to Starling Class!



Dear Children, Parents and Families,

We hope you have all had a fantastic summer and are feeling ready to return to school feeling refreshed and full of enthusiasm. We are looking forward to having a fun and successful year of learning together.

During our first 2 weeks back, the whole school will be exploring a beautiful book called 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers, which explores themes of family, love, conservation, health and belonging. This will give us a fantastic opportunity to ease back into the structure and routines of school life whilst gelling as a new class.

Please visit the school website to further explore the curriculum coverage for this year.

PE days

PE days this year will be on **Wednesdays and Thursdays**.

Children should **come to school wearing their PE kits every Wednesday & Thursday**. Please ensure PE kits are brought into school for the rest of the week.

Home learning expectations.

Spellings



Towards the beginning of each term, children will be sent home with a sheet of week-by-week spellings.

On Mondays (or the first teaching day of the week) children will be introduced to their new spellings and will explore the relevant spelling patterns and rules for these words. Children are expected to practice these spelling words at home, and they will then be tested on these spellings the following Monday. Children may practice the spellings assigned to them on Spelling Shed using their individual log ins. Additional guidance will be sent home for this.

Reading

Children are expected to take home their reading books from school. These books will be in line with the children's AR reading levels.



We continue to ask that all children **read at home at least five times a week** and kindly ask that an adult signs the reading record to record this has been done.



Maths and Times Tables

In years 5 and 6, children are set an additional maths task each week, linked to their learning in school. This will be set on a **Friday** and expected to be returned by the following **Thursday**. Details of the learning task will be posted weekly on Class Dojo.

Children will continue to have their own TT rockstars log in so that they can regularly practice their times tables. There will be no minimum expectation of TTRS usage each week, but the benefits of regular practice and fluent recall of multiplication facts are well documented and will support your child's fluency in maths.

We are looking forward to a fun and successful year of learning ahead, full of progress and special memories the children will make over the course of this next academic year.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us either in person or via Class Dojo if you have any questions or concerns about your child and their learning.

Best wishes,

Miss Murray and Mrs Allen