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, we will be building strong foundations in handwriting, spelling and times tables.

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

PE days

PE days this term will be on **Wednesdays**. Please ensure PE kits are brought into school on Mondays and remain in school for the rest of the week.

Home learning expectations.

Spellings

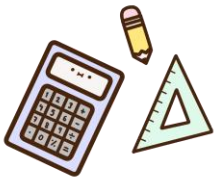
Towards the beginning of each term, children will be sent home with a sheet of week-by-week spellings. On Mondays (or the first teaching day of the week) children will be introduced to their new spellings and will explore the relevant spelling patterns and rules for these words. Children are expected to practice these spelling words at home in their new spelling record books, and they will then be tested on these spellings the following Monday. We would encourage the children to practise writing their spellings daily across the week to improve recall and use of new vocabulary in their writing.

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. Children receive a dojo for any reading or spelling completed at home.



Maths and Times Tables

In years 5 and 6, children are set an additional maths task at the end of a teaching unit or when the class teacher feels it would be appropriate. Children shouldn't spend more than 20 minutes completing this and it will be linked to their learning in school. When appropriate, this will be set on a **Friday** and expected to be returned by the following **Thursday**. Details of the learning task will be posted 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.

Independent homework – enquiry based

An enquiry-based homework will be set once a half term linked to the children's history, geography or science lessons. There will be a wide choice of outcomes, and this is an opportunity for the children to use their creativity and imagination. Details will be posted on ClassDojo.

We are looking forward to a fun and successful year of learning ahead, full of progress and special memories.

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

Best wishes,

Mr Morgan