

Welcome to Starlings



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Hello and welcome to Starlings' Class.

Your children will be taught by **Mrs Hayman (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)** and **Mr McKell (Thursday and Friday)**.

Mrs Egleton is the class Teaching Assistant (Monday - Thursday) with **Mrs Juric** joining us on Fridays.

We are really looking forward to working with your children this year and are very excited about the topics we have planned for our learning.

On the following pages, you will find some information about our class. We hope that you find it useful.

Topics

- ▶ We use our topics as a foundation for the teaching of history, geography, art, D.T., music and P.E.
- ▶ Our topics this year will be:
 - ▶ The Gun Powder Plot
 - ▶ What a Wonderful World
 - ▶ Royal Villains
- ▶ Science:
 - ▶ Animals Including humans
 - ▶ Uses of everyday materials
 - ▶ Plants
 - ▶ Living things and their habitats

Homework

▶ Spellings

- ▶ Spellings will be issued on Tuesdays
- ▶ The spelling test will take place the following Monday

▶ Maths

- ▶ In the Autumn term we will focus on number facts eg bonds to 20, doubles and halves
- ▶ In the Spring Term we will introduce times tables. These will be set on Times Tables Rockstar each week
- ▶ The times table test will take place on Tuesdays
- ▶ Please note that we will initially test the multiplication facts - E.g. $3 \times 10 = 30$
- ▶ Following that, we will test the related division facts - E.g. $30 \div 10 = 3$

- ▶ **Please contact us if you are unsure of passwords for either of these.**

Reading

- ▶ Shared reading books along with reading records will be sent home on **Fridays** and are to be returned to school on **Tuesdays**.
- ▶ Sharing books will be the Oxford Reading Tree books that we previously had as our reading scheme. Children are not expected to read this book independently, this book is for you to read to or with your child. Sharing high quality picture books, building your child's knowledge of stories and developing their vocabulary is so valuable. Reading to children and talking about the book and the pictures is a powerful way to develop a love of reading and a foundational knowledge of story.
- ▶ If your child is reading independently they should read for a minimum of 15 minutes a day. Please discuss the stories that your child reads and ask them questions about what is happening, what they think will happen next and how they think the characters are feeling.
- ▶ In school, children will read Little Wandle Phonic books linked to their phonics stage. Once children have a secure knowledge phonics they will then progress to Book Talk reading sessions.

Phonics

- ▶ In the Autumn Term children take part in daily phonics sessions before moving into learning spelling rules in the Spring Term.
- ▶ All children in Year 2 will have their Phonics Screening Check in December 2021

Spellings

- ▶ In the Spring Term daily phonic sessions will change to daily spelling sessions.
- ▶ Children who have not passed the Phonics Screening Check will have weekly Phonic interventions.

Weekly Spelling Routine	
Monday	Test specific spelling rule with 10 questions from bank of 18
Tuesday	Introduce and teach specific spelling rule. Send home new words and any other supporting resources. Display spellings in classroom
Wednesday	Revise spelling rule for the week. Spelling activity 5-15 minutes.
Thursday	Revise spelling rule for the week. Spelling activity 5-15 minutes.
Friday	Revise spelling rule for the week. Spelling activity 5-15 minutes.

Uniform

- ▶ Please ensure that all items of uniform are clearly named.
- ▶ **Starlings should wear their P.E. kit to school on Tuesday.**
- ▶ Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle to school each day.

Swimming

- ▶ In Spring Term 1, children will be going swimming for 5 weeks.
- ▶ Your child must bring to school:
 - Appropriate swimwear - one-piece swimsuit for girls; swimming trunks for boys
 - Swimming hat (**compulsory**)
 - Towel and carrier bag for wet clothes
 - Outdoor coat with hood, appropriate for weather conditions on the day

Your child may also wish to bring goggles and a hair brush.

Please ensure that EVERY item of clothing is clearly named to help us when getting the children changed.

Contact

- ▶ If you wish to speak to either class teacher, please email the school office and the message will be forwarded.
- ▶ Please be aware that we do not check emails during the school day whilst we are teaching.
- ▶ We will reply as soon as possible.

- ▶ Thank you for taking the time to read this information and please do get in touch, via the school office, if you have any questions.