

STARLINGS SPRING NEWSLETTER



Dear parents/carers, Happy new year! Our first term in year 4 was superb! We are looking forward to our spring term's learning very much. Please read the following information that will support you to talk about your child's learning throughout the term.

Maths

In our Maths lessons, we will be covering the following areas: multiplication, division, length, perimeter, fractions and decimals.

We will also be working on learning the times tables securely. Please encourage your child to practise these at home. They can do this by:

- Logging onto Timestables Rockstars or Hit the button at home (10 mins per day).
- Practising them with a parent

English

This term in English, we will be reading 'BFG' and 'The Lone Robot'. Our writing pieces will be based around these texts.

Alongside our work on our class novels, we will continue to practise our comprehension skills. Our text this term is 'Maltilda'. We will also practise our handwriting skills and improve our grammar.

Spelling

Please encourage your child to practise their spellings by logging in to their 'EdShed' account through 'Wonde' to access their area of Spelling Shed.

Topic



This term our topic will be Greece. We will be learning about its geographical location, climate zone and the landscape. We will also be studying their physical and human features as well as its customs and traditions.

Our final outcome will be a restaurant where we will prepare traditional Greek food.

P.E

On Tuesday's and Wednesday's, the children will have P.E. Please ensure your child has the correct P.E kit on these days: shorts/tracksuit bottoms and white T-shirts. Please make sure all items of your child's P.E kit are named.

Reading

Just a few minutes reading with your child each day makes a huge difference. Please ensure your child has their reading book in school every day. We appreciate your help to look after your child's reading book and record. Please ensure the reading record is signed regularly and is kept in your child's book bag.

Science

During the first half term, our topic will be Sound. The children will learn how sounds are made and how they travel to our ears. They will also explore how sound waves change over distance, the pitch of sound and finally, we will investigate which materials are effective in absorbing sound.

After half term, our topic will be Electricity. Here, the children will learn how to be safe around electricity. They will then be introduced to the components of circuits and the children will have the opportunity to construct their own series circuit predicting which will work and justifying their reasoning.

If you have any quick questions or concerns, please feel free to catch us in the morning before school or at the end of the day. Mrs Wright and I are very happy to answer your queries and it is always good to see you! If you would like to speak with us more privately, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment. We look forward to a successful year of learning and love!

