



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 continue to work on securing quick recall of the times tables. Please encourage your child to practise these at home. They can do this by:

- Logging onto Times Tables 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 'Charlotte's Web' and 'The BFG'. We will be using these texts as inspiration for writing in a variety of genres, including persuasive writing, non-chronological and newspaper reports. Our writing pieces will be based around these texts.

We will also continue to develop our comprehension skills using 'The Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo. 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 'Mylogin' to access their area of Spelling Shed.

History/Geography

In History, we will be learning about the ancient Maya. We will be investigating their achievements and beliefs, as well as the challenges that they faced settling in the rainforest.

In Geography, we will be learning about where our food comes from. In this unit, we will learn that different foods grow in different biomes and identify the impact which food has on our environment.

P.E

On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, we will have P.E. Please ensure your child comes to school in 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.

Science

During the first half term, our unit will be Sound. We will learn how sounds are made and how they travel to our ears. We 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, we will learn how to be safe around electricity. We will then be introduced to the components of circuits and have the opportunity to construct our own series circuits predicting which will work and justifying their reasoning.

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.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to catch Mrs Jackson-Fenton or myself before school or at the end of the day. 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!