



Autumn 1

Starlings' Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely break over Summer. It has been great getting to know the children more this week - they have been very enthusiastic in class and made a great first impression! It has been very impressive to see how quickly the children have settled back in to school life - I can already tell that we're going to have a fantastic year!

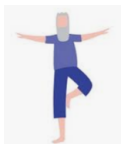
Geography: This half term children will be learning all about France. They will be using map skills to identify France, its bordering countries and some major cities, whilst also identifying some human and physical features. We will be looking in closer detail at the French regions of Normandy and Brittany and comparing them to our own locality.

Art: In Art we have the amazing opportunity to design and create our own paper sculptures to display in our school environment. We will be basing our paper sculptures on the story 'The Dot' and developing new skills throughout the term.

Science: Animals including humans – Health and Nutrition.

This half term, children will be taking on the role of personal trainers - with some of the teachers as clients! We will be learning all about what our bodies need to stay healthy and what makes a balanced diet. Children will also learn about the function of the skeleton and how muscles work. They will investigate links between muscles and physical activity and plan their own experiment linked to the needs of their client. Children will complete the unit by creating a presentation of all their new knowledge to send to their client.

PE: This half term children will be working on their football skills. They will be learning how to improve their control, passing and shooting whilst also taking part in some fun games



PE days – Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child comes into school in the appropriate PE kit and have a bottle of water in school.

RE: Our learning this half term is focussed on Christianity and what the Holy Trinity is. We will be looking at how religious ceremonies such as baptisms incorporate the Holy Trinity in the service and the meaning behind some of the religious items used in a service.



PSHE:

This half term we will be looking at how we build relationships and what makes a healthy relationship. We will focus on different types of relationships including relationships online, how to resolve conflict, what a friend should look like and recognise what bullying is and how to raise concerns.

French: This half term we are focussing on salutations in French and learning how to greet others.

Computing:

In Computing we are learning about how to stay safe online using safe searches, thinking about how personal information might be used and limiting screen time so that our use of technology is healthy.



Music: In Music we are learning about 'Abba' and why their Music became so popular. We will be learning one of their most famous songs 'Mamma Mia' and playing new notes on Glockenspiels and Recorders.



Please ensure your child is always fully prepared for the school day with their school bag, PE kit, reading record & reading book, homework, and anything else they may have been asked to bring in.



Home learning:

- Read at home for 15-20 minutes every day
- Practice spellings
- Learn times tables
- Create one example from the half termly project list



Home reading: Please ensure that your child reads 5 times a week

Reading Challenge

5 x= Green

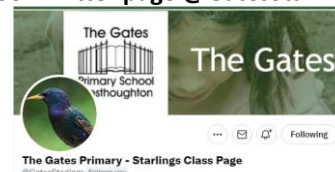
2/3/4= Yellow

0/1= Red

If your child achieves green for the week, they will be entered into a special prize draw!

Only books that children take home from school will go towards the reading challenge – either the home reader or a book from the 100 Book Challenge. This will ensure that your child is reading books appropriate for their ability.

Our School Twitter page @GatesStarlings



We have a new school twitter page which we update regularly. You can see all the exciting things we have been getting up to in school and how hard the children are all working. Please give us a follow to keep updated!