

ST R FISH ^{Year 1} Class

Term 1 & 2 Class Newsletter

Welcome to Starfish Class!

Hello Year 1 and welcome to Starfish Class! It has been a lovely start to the year and we have enjoyed meeting you all. We hope you are excited about the year ahead and like our new classroom. Things are slightly different at St Mary's, due to the current situation, but it will not stop us from completing our amazing learning journey and having fun, safely. Our topic this term is 'Wonderful Weather', exploring different weather types and their affects in the UK and around the world; next term, it is 'Exciting Explorers', where we will discover some famous people who have made amazing journeys and affected our lives today. We look forward to observing your fantastic skills and abilities.

Homework and Reading books

More details on this to follow once we have settled back into school routines. If you have any queries about homework, do not hesitate to contact either of us for support. We fully appreciate your support with homework as it supports your child's learning massively. Please do read to, and with, your child regularly as it really does support their learning.

PE

Starfish Class has PE on Monday (with the Sports Coach) and Friday afternoons. These will be taking place outside. At the moment, the children will only change their footwear, please ensure that they are in school (and named) on these days. Please also ensure earrings are removed for these days and long hair is tied back.

Contact Please feel free to contact either of us by email. We will always endeavour to reply as soon as possible.

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Learning Interventions

We are always looking to support your child in their learning, so at any point during the year we may offer them an opportunity to work in a small group or 1:1 to enhance their learning. These sessions will take place during the school day.

Term 1 & 2 Learning

Maths We will be exploring number, which includes place value – number recognition, counting, greater/smaller. These will include a range of fluency questions in addition to questions that involve reasoning and problem solving skills and completed within child-led play activities (continuous provision).

Literacy We are going to revise and extend our phonic knowledge and writing abilities, read a wonderful range of texts (including traditional tales and Elmer stories related to our weather topic) and begin to participate in our 'Roots programme'.

Science T1 – 'Seasonal Changes' – This will link closely with our topic. T2 – 'Animals including Humans' primarily focussing on animals, their characteristics, diets and habitats.

Topic/Art T1 – 'Wonder Weather' – Children will explore what weather we have in the UK and other parts of the world; the affects they have on nature and human lives. T2 – 'Exciting Explorers' Children will discover the amazing journeys of Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong; how their discoveries have impacted life today.

RE 'Christianity' – We will continue to explore what Christians believe and why.

PE The children will be learning football skills.

French We will begin to learn French colours.

Music We are going to create music that represents different weather and listen to Vivaldi – 'The Four Seasons'. In Term 2, we are going to create 'music from out of Space' and listen to Saint-Saens – 'Carnival of the Animals'.

Accelerated Reader:

We will be encouraging your children to work through their Accelerated Reading levels. It is so important for the children to read as much as possible; this helps to expand their vocabulary and reading and writing ability, in addition to widen their understanding of the world around them. We hope their enjoyment for reading continues/improves in the future.

We thank you for your continued support. 😊