

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 23rd February - Issue 21

Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second part of the Spring Term. I hope that you all had a relaxing half term. This is a very short, but extremely busy half term, with only 5 weeks and 3 days to the Easter Holiday. With this in mind, we are really trying to ensure that every day in school is maximised. This is why is it so important that your child attends school everyday. I am looking forward to seeing who will achieve Silver and Bronze attendance badges at the end of this term.

On Monday during the Head Teacher assemblies, we spoke about **Happiness** and **Positive Relationships**, which are the focus areas this half term. The children had lots of ideas about things that make them happy and how we can deal with times when we don't feel happy. It would be lovely if you could continue these conversations at home, thinking about relationships in the home and what makes everyone in the household happy.

I was extremely honoured to be able to accompany **The Brilliant Club** children to their graduation ceremony this week. It fills me with so much pride to hear them talk about their future ambitions to attend university and secure successful careers. We will soon invite these parents in to celebrate their children's achievements.

It is nearly time to invite parents into school for the next **Parent**Consultation meetings which are taking place on the **20th March 2024**.

Please make a note in your diary to save the date, so that you can find out all about how your child is getting on with their learning in school. Have a lovely weekend.

HEALTHY HUMANITY HOME
HAPPINESS
HONESTY
HONOURABLE
HONOURABLE
We are happy centred.

Ms Von

Nurturing and Growing Together



Nursery: Positive

RSHE



Year 2: Positive

This term we will be looking at `Positive Relationships (part 2)` in RSHE. We will be learning about how to stay safe online and in real life, to know their boundaries, stereotypes and understanding differences in families.

Year 1: Positive

Here are our big questions for this term:

Reception:

Relationships 2	Positive Relationships 2	Relationships 2	Relationships 2
BQ:_Can I identify friendly and unfriendl behaviour and what I do about it?		BQ: Do I know how to stay safe and what to do for help?	BQ: Do I know how to be safe and understand people's differences?
Year 3: Positive Relationships 2	Year 4: Positive Relationships 2	Year 5: Positive Relationships 2	Year 6: Positive Relationships 2
BQ: How do I stay safe online and offline?	BQ: Do I know how to be respectful and understand how stereotypes make us feel?	BQ: How can I keep myself and my friends safe online and understand the importance of unconscious bias?	BQ: Can I explore the impact of my presence online and challenge unconscious bias?

Our Happy Leaf for Spring 2

Our happy leaves, delivered in assembly also tie in with Positive Relationships. This term, we are awarding them for:

★ Positive Relationships (RSHE topic)

★ Happiness (rigHts)





RE Conference



A group of year 5 pupils have taken part in the RE Conference focusing on the theme of 'Speak up'. Ten other schools have taken part, which gave the children an opportunity to challenge each other and provide their own opinion. They have also created their very own postcard with a religious quote that has had the biggest meaning to them. The children from Star have demonstrated confidence and shined through when engaging in the discussion about religions and worldviews. Our children are a credit to our school!











The Brilliant Club

A group of Year Six pupils accompanied Ms Williams and Ms Von to Courtauld Institute of Arts this week to celebrate their graduation from the <u>Brilliant Club</u>.

The <u>Courtauld</u> is one of the world's most prestigious art institutions in the world specialising in the history of art with access to cutting edge facilities.





We explored the spectacular grounds and met university students who told us about life as an undergraduate.

We all graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Honorary degree. Sarah and Sofia represented Star as the Spokes Scholars and delivered noteworthy speeches about their time learning with the Brilliant Club.



Online Safety

It is always important to remind your children to ask permission before they try to access the internet. This is to ensure you know how long they are online for and also what they are trying to access.

It is really easy for your child to access content or download apps that are not age appropriate unless you enable parental controls to limit their browsing. The NSPCC website (link above) has step-by-step guides to help you set the parental controls in your home and on all devices your child may have access to.

Some apps cost money to download or have **in-app purchases** which could end up costing you a lot of money! By enabling the parental controls, you can turn the in-app purchase settings on to prevent this from happening.

Remember, content filters are never 100% effective, it is likely at some point that your child will see inappropriate or upsetting content and it is important that you are able to <u>talk to them</u> about this. The NSPCC has some useful conversation starters you can use as a family at home.

Part Three- Jimmy the Jigsaw





Ruubs

Andy Ambulance



Dates for the Diary



27/02/24 - Botcha London Youth Games Final

29/02/24 - Year 3&4 Football Tournament and London

Youth Games Qualifier

04/03/24 - 08/03/24 - World Book Week

20/03/24 - World Book Day - Character dress up day

20/03/24 - Parents Evening

Every Friday 8-9am - Parent Toddler Group

Year Six Pupil Leadership Weekly Reflection

What a welcome return to school after the February half-term holidays.

This half term we are focussing on happiness and positive relationships. How can you be happy as an individual? Perhaps you could talk to your friends and even make some new friends too? Or maybe you could sign up to an after school club or take up a new hobby?



Zak- 6H

This half term, we would like you to think about how you can make others feel happy and help build positive relationships around the school and in our local community.

Attendance at Star

Did you come to school everyday this week? Which classes achieved the highest attendance? Who will get the attendance cup?

Last Week's Results

Reception

RB - 94.5%

RP - 95.8%

RU - 91.7%

Year 1

1B - 87.4%

1R - 87.5%

15 - 93.5%

Year 2

2P - 92.6%

25 - 92.1%

21 - 89.3%

Year 3

36 - 88.5%

3L - 93.5%

3R - 87.6%

Year 4

4H - 92%

46- 96.4%

45 - 88.3%

Year 5

5N - 98.7%

5R - 94.7%

5RK - 94.3%

Year 6

6H - 94.4%

6P - 94.8%

6R - 93.3%

Whole school attendance - 92.5%

Happy Leaves

This
Happy Leaf
is awarded to

For:_____

Date: ____ Signed:____
Well Done!

This half term we are celebrating pupils
who have shown good examples of SUPPORT.
The winners in this week's assembly were...

Nursery	Reception
AM - Sonnie	RU - Mabel
PM - Jeremi	RP - Shynia
	RB - David
Year 1	Year 2
Coming soon!	Coming soon!
Year 3	Year 4
36-Lorena	4H - Kajus
3L - Olisa	4L - Arhem
3R - Sienna	4S - Ohi
Year 5	Year 6
5R - Ibrahim	6H - Anaya
5RK - Isabella	6R - Darius
5N - Alisha	6P - Naifah

Golden lunches

Class teachers select one pupil per week to have a golden lunch with the Headteacher or Deputies. This is awarded to those that show the **most progress** or make the most effort in their learning!

This	week's	winners
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Reception

RB - Jemima

RP - Tabaan

RU - Milo

Year 1

1B - Nia

15 - Amina

1R-Azzarah

Year 2

2V - Liban

25 - Iyaad

2P - Umme

Year 3

3R -Daniel K

36 - Lorena

3L-Kiara

Year 4

4H - Rayan

45 - Dolly

4C - Ashaz

Year 5

5R - Elizaveta

5RK - Poppy

5N - Tytelia

Year 6

6H - Elijah

6R - Jameel

6P - Dia

House Points

Teachers, lunch staff, support staff, school leaders and our office team have been awarding house tokens all week. Pupils have received tokens if they have demonstrated children's rights, shown good leadership skills and have excellent learning behaviors.

Congratulations to the winning house... results below!



Weekly Newsletters

All the information you need in one place!

The following pages contain our year group newsletters with all the information about the upcoming week.

Nursery Reception Year 1 Year 2

Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6





BEGINNING

26.02.2024

THIS WEEK'S LEARNING

Dear Nursery Parents and carers,

This week we will be introducing another learning power character: Curious Chloe! Curious Chloe is always asking questions to find out more about things and she is using her investigative skills to find the answers to these questions

As we started reading Oi Frog!, the children are being exposed to rhyming words. This week we will be looking around our environment to find rhyming words. We highly encourage you to practise this at home as well - e.g. cat-mat-rat, dog-log-frog.

We will practise recognising initial sounds in words. Last week the focus was on the mmmmmm sound - mmmountain, mmmmouse, mmmmoon, whereas this week we will be focusing on the a-a-a sound: a-a-apple, a-a-ant, a-a-acrobat.

During our maths learning we will start comparing groups of objects using mathematical language (more, fewer) as well as mathematical reasoning to explaining our thinking.

Our second group will be going on their trip to the Canning Town Library where will will have an introductory guide as well a story reading session.

STAR MOMENTS













Well done to all of the Nursery children for their amazing efforts with behaviour and attitudes towards learning. This week, our positive relationships happy leaves go out to: AM - Sonnie PM - Jeremi pone/

OVER TO YOU



Create a self portrait to EXPRESS YOURSELF! Winners will be exhibited in school all year

BOOK OF THE WEEK



long! How will you create yours? Deadline: TBC



I'm climbing high.

We build farm.

Please keep on sharing your WOW moments from home on Tapestry. Your teachers love seeing them! Thank you to those parents who are active on Tapestry, it's great to have your contributions of the learning that is happening at home!

Please return your reading foder every Friday to ensure the books are being changed in time for Monday.

As part of our Arts learning and term project, we are kindly asking for children to bring in an old tshirt and hanger by Frid

World Book Day: 7th March 2024! Get your favourite character costume ready!

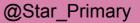
Parent's Evening: week beginning 20/03/2024





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WEEK BEGINNING: 26.02.2024

THIS WEEK'S LEARNING

Welcome back Reception! We hope you all had a restful half term and are ready for lots of exciting learning.

This term's topic is Express Yourself and we will be exploring different ways of expressing our likes, interests and talents. We will be learning about a famous painter Mark Rothko and his work whilst developing our artistic skills and use of primary colours.

We will also inventing, adapting and recounting narratives and stories with our friends and teachers during the Helicopter story sessions.





DON'T FORGET ...

- P.E. is on Tuesday children need to wear their P.E. kit to school.
- Wear your Fit Friday kit on Fridays. If you haven't purchased this yet, the P.E. kit will be acceptable. Follow the link to purchase your personalised kit: https://www.personalisediustforyou.org.uk/back-to-school
- Please ensure your child has at least a set of spare clothes in their bag (top, bottom, underwear and socks) as well as a pair of wellies to
 be left in school.
- All your child's belongings must be clearly labeled.
- Share your WOW moment from home on Tapestry. Your teachers will be thrilled to see them.
- We are accepting donations for plastic bottle tops, cork bottle tops, cardboard, toilet/kitchen roll tubes, egg boxes and empty food packets.



Over to you. HOME LEARNING

Here are some links that you can use to watch phonics videos to support your child's learning:



Blending



How to say the sounds

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Next term there will be a pupil portrait competition! Are you ready to express yourself?



Every week a child from each class will be chosen to have lunch with the Headteacher for their outstanding work.

1R: Fabian 1S: Amina 1B: Nia

Happy leaves this term will go to children who have shown

Happiness and Positive Relationships.

Talk to your child about how they can develop positive relationship and what they can do to cope when things are not going well.

Happy leaves will be rewarded next Monday.



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Next term, our new theme will be Express yourself!



English:

As writers, we will be continuing our phonics journey using our Read Write Inc books. Children will be learning new sounds. reading and writing everyday.

Maths:

As mathematicians, we will be working on solving addition and subtraction word problems. Remember to log in at Mathletics as each **Mathletics** child has some activities assigned.

As theologians, we will be starting the term by thinking about how we show we belong and what we might belong to e.g. your family or a club. At home, talk to your child about belonging. Does your child belong to any clubs? Do you wear, or do anything to show you belong?

Geography:

As, geographers, we will be looking at the country Russia and trying to generate questions that we want to find out about it.

Our first art lesson will be dedicated to creating a self portrait. Some of the children's work will then be collected and placed into our annual Star Primary School portrait competition.

Science:

As scientists, we will be thinking about plants and generating any questions that children would like to find out about them.

Computing:

In computing, we will be learning about algorithms and how we can create simple instructions to help them complete tasks.

<u>ver to you...Home learning</u>

The teachers will continuously be providing online opportunities for reading, phonics and maths. We are checking who is logging on every week!

Pupils must:

- Log on and use **BUG CLUB** daily (please also read and share any extra books you have at home)
- Log on and use **MATHLETICS** daily
- Play and complete any additional material/videos sent you via the google classroom. Phonics session videos will be sent regularly.
- Extra RWI phonics https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/ read-write-inc-phonics-quide/

Read Write Inc.

Bug Club

- Read everyday for 10 minutes. We will be giving out three reading books; an Oxford book, a decodable RWI book and a read for pleasure book. We expect all children to have read everyday with a comment written in their record books.
- Fit Friday will be carrying on as usual on Friday, again children must come to school wearing Fit Friday t-shirts and trainers.
- P.E. day is on Monday. Please wear black bottoms and a white t-shirt.
- Bug Club and Mathletics is still mandatory for 5 or 10 minutes daily, on a Friday each class will announce their Bug Club and Mathletics champions. Please encourage your child to read as it builds their confidence and vocabulary.

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Year 2 will be attending a trip to St Antony's of Padua church on Tuesday 5th March 2024. Please check your parentmail to give permission for your child to go, lunch options and whether you can volunteer. Not all parents will be asked to come on the trip, the class teacher will confirm with you if you have been chosen.

Happy Leaves

Our Happy Leaf for Spring

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- ★ Happiness (rigHts)

Our learning... Express Yourself

Maths:

We will be learning about pictograms and how to read them and collect data from them.

English:

We will be exploring our book Door. We will focus on setting descriptions and using prepositions to help with our description.

Geography:

We will use maps and our knowledge to compare physical features of India and the UK.

Computing:

We will be using the beebots to create algorithms.

Art:

We will create our own portraits to enter into our school competition.

RE:

As theologians we will explain why Easter is important

to Christian people.







Don't forget!

Please encourage your children to practise their spellings for 5 minutes and their reading everyday. Each week your child needs to complete their homework and hand it in on Friday morning. Homework will now be on Google Classroom too. Please also continue to encourage your child to complete their tasks on Mathletics, Bug Club and Times Table Rockstars.

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Year 3 Newsletter

Happy Leaves

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3G-Lorena for building positive relationships, helping her peers and being so happy to learn

3L- Olisa for her positive attitude towards all her peers and happy outlook in class.

3R - Sienna - for her fantastic growth in confidence last half term.

Golden Lunch recipients::

3G: Lorena

3L: Kiara

3R: Ronnie

aratulations to the children who achieved anis week and to those who had the golden. We are very proud of your resilience and dedication.

This half term our topic is going to be: Express Yourself!!

In English We will be focusing on the fiction stories including 'The Whisper' which lends itself to creating imaginative story settings and characters . This week we are planning our own stories which we will write on Friday.

In Maths In Maths we are starting to look at Money and its value. We will be comparing amounts of money and what greater and less than stand for.

In Science: We will be learning more about the functions of the different parts of flowering plants

In Geography we will be comparing the United Kingdom to Spain. This week we will be looking at the different counties within the U.K. and where they are located.

In Art: We will focus on the work of Joan Miro who is a Spanish Artist. Over the course of the term we will use watercolors and we will explore the techniques used by our artist.

In R.E. We will be learning about Holi celebrations and festivities.

In Computing This term we will be using an app called Scratch to code! We will be computer programmers.

In R.S.H.E. This term we have been looking at 'Positive Relationships (part 2)' in RSHE. We will be learning about how to stay safe online and in real life, to know their boundaries and how protect their privacy online.

Don't forget!

Children will be given weekly spellings to practise for 5 minutes each night. They will be tested on Fridays. We politely ask children to practice the strategies and extend themselves by using the words in a sentence so that they understand the meaning. There will also be a big focus on Reading. So, please do ensure that you read with your child daily and that you record their progress in the Reading record provided. Please continue to encourage your child to complete their tasks on our online learning platforms including Mathletics, Bug Club and Times Table Rockstars. P.E is on Wednesday - please wear your PE kit to school. Fit Friday is every Friday.

Home learning

Please remember to read every day with your child particularly over half term, this should be kept record of in their Reading Record Books. Children will be sent home with books and will be asked to keep them in their book bags which they can now bring to school daily. Children will also be given weekly spellings beginning next week.

By the end of all Year 3 children need to know their 2,4,5,8 and 10 times tables fluently. So, please log in to Mathletics and TTRS to help you secure a Bronze Badge before the end of this academic year!







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STAR moments

Want a great first week back! Here are some highlights from 4S:

"I loved learning how to play tag rugby in PE. I eliminated lots of my class by pulling their tags!" Ebrima

"We went to the Festival Of Voices launch this week and learned a brand new song. It sounds amazing!" Junior

"We learned a whole new song from a jazz singer called Aga. He was a professional singer!" Beau

"We performed story maps of Ananse & The Impossible Quest! They were awesome!" Kayden

This Week's Learning

In English, we will be continuing our exploration of traditional African tales and will be practicing writing our own stories based on 'Ananse and the Impossible Quest'

In Shared reading, we will be discover amazing facts about different African countries using the book- Africa, Amazing Africa'.

Our maths learning will focus on fractions, in particular mixed numbers and the addition and subtraction of fractions.

In Science, we will investigate different types of electrical circuits and discover the rules for making a circuit work.

In RE, we will begin our learning about the meaning of Easter for Christians in preparation for a trip to Cliff Walk Church and their amazing Easter Experience!

In Geography, we will be learning about the physical features of Kenya and will start to compare this African country to the UK.

Don't forget!

Please ensure your child is at the school gate by 7:45am!

At Star, we have Brighter Starts breakfast and singing in class from 7:50 - 8:00am every morning to support your child with starting the day with as much energy as possible. However we have started to notice in Year 4 children entering school much later than this. Please ensure your child comes to school on time.

Over to you...Home learning

Log on to **Mathletics** and complete the work assigned to you each day! **Log in details are in your reading record.**

Continue to improve your reading skills by logging onto **Bug Club** each day. Remember to share a chapter from your favourite book with someone at home too.

Strive to achieve your bronze, silver or gold awards on **Times Tables Rockstars** too.

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STAR moments

Happy Leaves

Happy leaves this half term will be given for Happiness and Positive Relationships.

5RK: Isabella - Isabella has been so happy coming into school every day this week and on time! What a positive start to the term. Keep it up!

5R: Ibrahim – for showing maturity in all situations. Ibrahim always uses his initiative and can be trusted to undertake any task. He is solution-focused where nothing is impossible. What an inspiration! Well done!

5N: Alisha – Alisha radiates happiness wherever she goes! She shows a great deal of strength and resilience when faced with challenging situations and never lets that smile drop from her face. She is a real pleasure to be around!

Golden Lunch:

5R: Elizaveta 5N: Tytelia 5RK: Poppy

Our learning this week...

Maths: We will be consolidating our work on Fractions – looking at multiplying fractions.

English: We will continue with our narrative writing cycle – looking at our focus text 'The Wild Robot'. We will also be writing diary entries, focusing on feelings of being in a new surroundina.

Shared Reading: We will be continuing to look at our text 'The Wild Robot' as it feeds into our narrative writing cycle of English.

Science: We will be investigating how changes in state such as dissolving and mixing are an example of a reversible change.

R.E.: We will be exploring the impact of the Shahada on prophet Muhammed's life and what it means for Muslims today.

Geography: We will be continuing our work on rivers and coasts, identifying the key features of a river and explaining the relationship between rivers and the water cycle.

Art: We will be investigating how combining different colours can reflect different moods and how colours can be used to divide the foreground from background.

Green Schools Project:. We have calculated our schools' carbon footprint and we will now begin researching different ways in which we can reduce this as a whole school.

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Spellings will continue to be uploaded to the Google Classroom on a Monday.

Spelling tests will take place on a Friday.

Please encourage your child to practise these throughout the week.

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Golden Lunch Pupils:

6P: Dia 6R: Jameel 6H: Elijah

Happy Leaves

6P: Naifah, for supporting her peers during production rehearsals and encouraging them to try their best. Naifah also brings a lot of happiness to her audience when she performs as her amazing drama skills keep the audience engaged in her performance at all times!

6H: Anaya, for her excellent growth mindset that she has been showing in and outside of class. Anaya always puts 110% into her learning and looks for ways to improve herself. It's absolutely fantastic to see her grow.

6R: Darius, for the way in which he has coped with moving to and from school and his conversations about his learning. Darius has dealt with this all in a really mature way showing so much growth in his attitude since September.



Our topic is... Express Yourself!

In Reading, we will be reading a range of fiction texts to answer retrieval, inference and vocabulary questions.

In English, we will be writing a short narrative using the key features of descriptive devices to make our writing engaging for the reader.

In Maths, we will be moving on to answering percentages, algebra and number grid questions.

In Science, we will be continuing our investigation on investigating how mold grows in different conditions and exploring why the location and condition matters.

In Art, we will be using a range of techniques to create a self portrait for the Art competition.

In Geography, we will identify counties and key topographical features of the UK.

In RE, we will be exploring what happened on the first Easter Sunday analysing the Bible Easter accounts.

In Computing, we will identify and critically evaluate online content relating to gender, race, religion, disability, culture and other groups, and explain why it is important to challenge and reject inappropriate representations online.



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Over to you...Homework

Children have been given SATs Companion logins to keep at home. Please ensure your children are accessing SATs Companion regularly to develop and improve your Reading, Grammar and Maths. Your teachers have been assigning tasks for you to complete. https://app.satscompanion.com/login

Please also ensure that your child is completing their reading task in their reding record on a daily basis as well as their weekly homework.

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