



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd March – Issue 25

Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We really really felt Spring had arrived this week as our flowers are in bloom, the mornings are extremely lighter and the sky was blue above Star.

We have had a very busy week here at Star, Identity week began with colourful Bollywood dance lessons on Thursday and dramatic Flamenco lessons today. Pupils loved these sessions and our hall was full of music, dance and laughter. Please look through the newsletter today to find out more about the Mariachi band next week and our colourful dress up day on Wednesday. We are celebrating personality, interests, language and culture!

Thank you to all parents and carers who engaged in the parents evening this week. This was a great opportunity to find out more about your child's commitment to learning as well as their next steps.

We have also welcomed OFSTED to our Little Stars Daycare this week. This is the settings first inspection since opening in 2021. Thank you to Tammy and the amazing team for all their hard work before hand *and* on the day.

We are now heading into our last week of the spring term. In assemblies next week we will celebrate the pupils who came to school every day, reveal the winning house and award the 'Star of the Term' certificates!

As a reminder we will be finishing at 12 on Wednesday 27th March and there will be something exciting in the playground as you leave for the Easter break.

Mr Carbutt
Deputy Head Teacher

Nurturing and Growing Together

Identity Week



Identity Week 2024 - Events

We have an action packed week for the children to enjoy. From Flamenco dance workshops, Spanish taster lessons for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to an end of term Mariachi concert - this week will really have it all!

One of the exciting changes this year is that each year group will delve into the traditions and culture of a particular Spanish speaking country. The countries that each year group will learn about are as follows:

- Nursery + Reception - Colombia
- Year 1 - Argentina
- Year 2 - Mexico
- Year 3 - Peru
- Year 4 - Spain
- Year 5 - Chile
- Year 6 - Costa Rica

Identity Day Concert



Dear parents and carers,

You are warmly invited to join us for a special Identity Day concert on Wednesday 27th March at 12:15 on the main playground after collecting your child at 12:00.

We would like to celebrate the end of Identity Week and the end of the spring term with you in style with some very special musical guests!

Please feel free to bring along a picnic blanket and your own sandwiches/lunch to enjoy with your children.

We look forward to seeing you there!



What Parents and Carers need to know about Social Media and Mental Health

Despite the age restrictions, an estimated one-third of children have a social media account, so it's important that trusted adults know what content young people are consuming, what they are posting and the interactions they're having.

On social media, it can be easy to go down 'rabbit holes' that aren't beneficial to our wellbeing. As platforms grapple with managing such 'legal but harmful' content, lives are being impacted - sometimes to tragic effect.

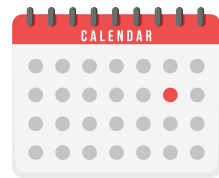
We might be daunted by the scale of tech giants and their content which so enthralls young people, but we can still help children to be aware of their mental wellness: recognising when something isn't ok...and knowing what to do about content that upsets them.



Top Tips

Discuss this [informative leaflet](#) as a family to help you navigate platforms safely.

Dates for the Diary



22/03/24 - 27/03/24 - Identity Week

25/03/24 - Reception Parents Drop-in Maths Workshop

25/03/24 - 3G Visiting Garden Museum

28/03/24 - School closed for Staff Inset

29/03/24 - 12/04/24 - School closed for Easter Break

15/04/24 - Start of the Summer Term

Every Friday 8-9am - Parent Toddler Group

Year Six Pupil Leadership Weekly Reflection

Some members of our community have been observing Ramadan: a month of fasting during which observers abstain from food, drink and other pleasures from sunrise to sunset. The sacred month marks a period of religious reflection, family get-togethers and giving.



Sofia- 6P

The spirit of Ramadan links so well with our theme 'happiness' because it all about bringing people together and helping others where we can because helping others is the source of happiness.

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 - 90.5%

RP - 97.1%

RU - 96.1%

Year 1

1B - 89.1%

1R - 90.4%

1S - 94.8%

Year 2

2P - 88.5%

2S - 96.8%

2V - 91.5%

Year 3

3G - 93.5%

3L - 93.1%

3R - 82%

Year 4

4H - 93.8%

4L - 94.6%

4S - 96.2%

Year 5

5N - 93.1%

5R - 97.6%

5RK - 97%

Year 6

6H - 97.4%

6P - 94.1%

6R - 97.4%

Whole school attendance - 93.5%

Happy Leaves



This half term we are celebrating pupils who have shown good examples of **POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS**.

The winners in this week's assembly were...

Nursery AM - Zakariya PM - Ludvik	Reception RU - Aadil RP - Sofia RB - Kaden
Year 1 1B - Zyion 1R - Pablo 1S - Nafeesa	Year 2 2P - Yasin 2S - Fareed 2V - Zephaniah
Year 3 3G - Ismail 3L - Teddie 3R - Daniel K	Year 4 4H - Tayssa 4L - Mason 4S - Daiana
Year 5 5R - Deborah 5RK - Delany 5N-	Year 6 6H - Elijah 6R - Aqsa 6P- Damisola

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

Reception

RB - Aleena

RP - Kofi

RU - Kairo

Year 1

1B - Dumitru

1S - Muhsin

1R - Amanah

Year 2

2V - Emmanuel

2S - Joshua

2P - Ruben

Year 3

3R - Queendelin

3G - Hanna P

3L - Vinnie

Year 4

4H - Maxim

4S - Theo

4L - Hajra

Year 5

5R - Henry

5RK - Precious

5N - Jennifer

Year 6

6H - Falak

6R - Daria

6P - Jabril

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!

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS



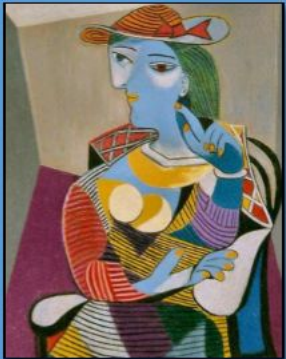
Da Vinci

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Monet

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Picasso

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Van Gogh

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WINNING
HOUSE

PICASSO

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.

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Nursery NEWSLETTER



WEEK ENDING 22.03.2024

THIS WEEK'S LEARNING

Dear Nursery Parents and carers,

We are in the final week of the Spring term! What amazing growth has taken place already in Nursery this year!

This week will be a short one but nonetheless a very exciting one. We will be celebrating diversity at Star with 'Identity week'. These days will be filled with fun activities that will enable children learning about Colombia as well as some Spanish words.

We will be making a sensory playdough which will smell like Colombia's finest coffee.

We will also learn a couple of spanish nursery rhymes as well as a dance routine to Shakira's Waka Waka!

The children in Nursery will also use a variety of media to create the Colombian flag.

STAR MOMENTS



We build Disney World!



The tiger eat all of the food, and drank all the water and all the juice and all the tea!



House for Jayden.



We're having a picnic!

Well done to all of the Nursery children for their amazing efforts with behaviour and attitudes towards learning.

This week, our **Growth** happy leaves go out to:

AM - Zakariya

PM - Ludvik



I am making a pattern on my butterfly. It's repeating.

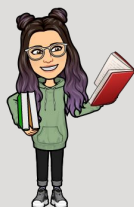


We make the bot move.

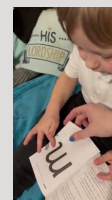
OVER TO YOU

- Play "I spy something beginning with..." and "I spy something that rhymes with..." (sounds introduced so far: **m**, **a**, **s** and **t**).
- Play board games to practise **turn taking** and **counting**.
- Encourage children to help set out the dinner table developing a sense of **responsibility** and **counting skills**.

BOOK OF THE WEEK



- Well done to all the children that are working hard at home and share their lovely moments with us on tapestry!



- Please keep on sharing your WOW moments from home on Tapestry. Your teachers love seeing them!
- We are accepting donations for unwanted kitchen items to replenish our muddy kitchen
- Wednesday 27th March** - Identity day - everybody to wear their favourite colour!
- Last day of school: PM - Tuesday 26th March, AM - Wednesday 27th March**

Any Questions?



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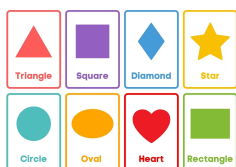
Reception NEWSLETTER

WEEK ENDING: 22.03.2024

THIS WEEK'S LEARNING

We are in the final week of the Spring term! What amazing learning and growth has taken place already in Reception this year! We are excited for the Summer term.

In Maths this week, we will review our learning about 2D shapes.



To finish the term, we are celebrating diversity at Star with 'Identity Day' on Thursday. Children can dress up in something that represents their identity. We will finish the day at 12pm with a picnic lunch in the playground – please join your child for this!



STAR MOMENTS



It's my house

The ice is melting!

We are playing Bingo!

My caterpillar is fat!

I'm cleaning the rocks!



I can roll it like this! The clay!



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.personalisedjustforyou.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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Year 1 Newsletter



Remember: Parents Phonics workshop on Tuesday 26th March in the community room at 8am.

STAR moments

GOLDEN LUNCH

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

1R: Amanah
1S: Muhsin
1B: Dumitru

Happy leaves this term will go to children who have shown **growth** and **support**.

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

1R: Pablo
1S: Nafisa
1B: Zyion



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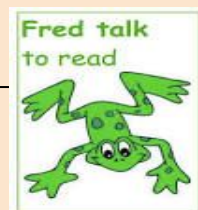
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Our highlights ..

Spring 2: 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.



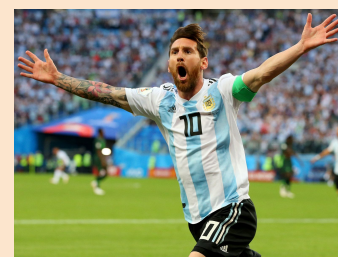
Mathletics

Maths:

As mathematicians, to build on our learning from last week about multiplication, we will be looking at making equal groups.

Identity week:

Children will be learning about Argentina as part of our identity week. Argentina is a spanish speaking country that is rich with art and culture that we will be sharing with the children, Children will be handprinting in the style of The Cueva de las Manos (Cave of the Hands) in Argentina.



Over to you...Home learning

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-guide/>

Mathletics



Read Write inc.
Phonics

Don't forget...

- 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.

Week ending
22.03.2024



Year 2
Newsletter



Important messages:

**Don't forget it is Identity Week! Please wear a colour that represents you on Wednesday 27th March.
Our last day will be a half day on Wednesday 27th March.**

Happy Leaves!

Here are our stars of the term for each class!

2S: Fareed, you got this happiness for being a fun and caring member of 2S. Your sense of humour and care for others has built a strong bond between the class. We would all like to say thank you!

2P:

2V: Zephaniah, you have spread happiness this week, by engaging with play in and out of the classroom. Your friends love to see you smile!

Next week we will be learning about...

Maths: We will be doing assessments this week.

English: After proofreading our draft of the poem, we will be writing our final published poem in our extended writing books.

We will be celebrating Identity Week in the afternoon with exciting projects and enjoyable activities! We can't wait!

Don't forget!

1. Read everyday for 10 minutes.
2. Do some TTRS and Mathletics.
3. Do some writing.
4. Go outside and enjoy the weather!
5. Do some exercise!



There will be a winner for our weekly Year 2 competition!
Fantastic participation to...

2P



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Year 3 Newsletter



Attendance is Key: Please ensure that your child is at school every day so that they do not miss out on important learning.

Happy Leaves

3G - Ismail . For his quiet confidence and positivity. He brings a calming presence to his group.

3L Olisa for how she has grown increasingly independent across the term and committed to developing her learning in and out of school.

3R - Daniel K for positive relationships with his peers and spreading kindness .

Golden Lunch recipients :

3G: Hanna P

3L: Aisha

3R: Queendelin

Congratulations to the children who achieved this week and to those who had the golden. We are very proud of your resilience and dedication to education!

Identity Week

We have lots of exciting lessons planned:

English: We will be publishing and performing our Identity poems as our Express Yourself topic comes to an end

Maths: In Maths, we will be exploring exploring time and looking closely at minutes past and to on both digital and analogue clocks.

Science: In Science we 3G will be going on their trip to the Garden Museum and all classes will be reflecting on new knowledge that they have learnt about Plants.

Geography: In Geography, we will creating our weather reports and become weather forecasters as we film ourselves comparing the weather in the UK and Spain .

RE: In RE we will be creating our own Art to celebrate the HOLI festival. We will be experimenting with colour using different media.

Peru : As part of Identity week Year 3, will be exploring Peru. We will be creating masks using Peruvian shapes . We will also be creating our very own Llamas using pom poms. On Wednesday, Children will dress up in colours that represent their identity.

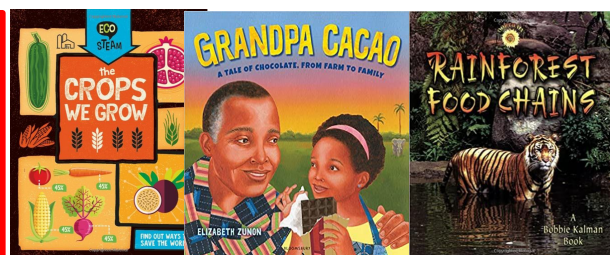
Don't forget!

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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Week ending
25.03.24

Year 4 Newsletter



STAR moments

This week's Star moments
4H.....

I really liked science this week, we made our own buzzer game using all the things we had learnt this term about electricity, it was fun!

Kajus

I really like the book fair it means i can buy some new books to read.

Kexin

I enjoyed art, I like Frida Kahlo and we used her paintings to plan our final piece of work.

Ana



This Week's Learning

This is our final week before the Easter holidays begin and the final week of our fantastic topic, Express Yourself. This week the children in year 4 will be writing their poems and recording them onto book creator to make a class anthology of poems.

Hopefully the children will share them with you when they have loaded them to their Google Drive account.

As artists this week we will finish our artwork inspired by Frida Kahlo and we will ask the children to take photos and evaluate their pieces. We will continue learning about decimals in maths as well as our times tables. We will continue to read all week and complete our book All About Africa in shared reading lessons.

IDENTITY WEEK

This week is a special week at Star Primary - we are celebrating an Identity Week. We have an action packed few days planned for all the children which will help us all to think about our identity. Our focus is the country of Spain where we will learn about Spanish artists Gaudi and Dali. We will also be creating slide decks and an imovie prompting Spain and in particular the region (Asturias) of our partner school in Gijon.

As you are aware we finish school on Wednesday at 12.00pm. All children will be given a packed lunch to eat in class before meeting up with their family and listening to the fantastic Mariachi band that will be performing in the playground to end Identity week. Everyone in year 4 wishes you all a happy and safe holiday. See you on the 15th April!

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.

Mathletics

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Week ending

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Year 5 Newsletter

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STAR moments

Star of the term

SRK - Erik - Trying his absolute best in all subjects, pushing himself to achieve his full potential and being a supportive and nurturing member of the class.

5N: Edona - for consistently role-modelling exemplary behaviour. Edona works incredibly hard in class to achieve the best outcomes she can and this is evident in all of her books. Her confidence is growing and she is starting to show leadership qualities - a prefect in the making! Well done, Edona!

5R: Deborah for always being an excellent role model. She is kind and caring, and is sensitive to others' feelings. She exudes maturity with her calm demeanour and takes everything in her stride. Well done!

Golden Lunch

5RK: Precious

5N: Jennifer

5R: Henry



Next term...

Next term, our theme will be 'Global Treasures'.

In **English**, we will be looking at Shakespeare and exploring the story of 'Antony and Cleopatra'. We will be performing playscripts and attend a Shakespeare workshop, looking closely at the story of 'Antony and Cleopatra'.

In **Maths**, we will be continuing our work on decimals - in particular looking at adding and subtracting decimals.

Our **RSHE** topic for this half term is 'self-confidence' where we will be focusing on independence and having a 'can do' attitude.

In **History**, we will be starting our Anglo-Saxons and Vikings topic, discussing the end of the Roman Empire and placing the time period into a wider historical context.

Workshops this week:

On the first day back after the holidays - Monday 15th April - we will be visiting Eastlea school to participate in a Science workshop! It will be explosive!

On Tuesday 16th April, as part of our Shakespeare unit, we will be taking part in a workshop on the story of Antony and Cleopatra. The children will be getting into role and acting out parts of the story, as well as watching parts of the story being performed by actors!

Wednesday is the last day of the half term.

Please ensure you collect your child at 12:00pm promptly.

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Year 6 Newsletter



STAR moments

Golden Lunch Pupils:

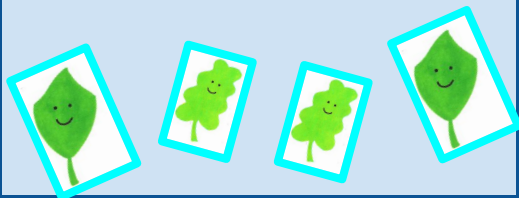
6P: Jabril 6R: Daria 6H: Falak

Happy Leaves

6P: Damisola, for demonstrating happiness and positivity. During Mock SATs Week, Damisola approached all his tests with an open-mind and worked extremely hard to achieve his best. He always had a smile on his face and worked resiliently. Well done Damisola and keep it up!

6H: Elijah, for his excellent improvement in both behaviour and attainment in school. Elijah has come a tremendous way, showing that he is taking responsibility for his learning and treatment of others.

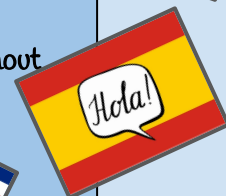
6R: Aqsa, for happiness! Aqsa often gets overlooked due to her calm, resilient nature however her happiness in the last few weeks in her learning and revision has been astounding.



Our topic is...Express Yourself

As part of our Identity week project we will be focusing on the Spanish speaking country Costa Rica! We will be finding out all about the country and we will also have the opportunity to make our very own tropical fruit salad! As well as this children will also be creating their own online BLOGs about Costa Rica!

The excitement for identity week will continue on throughout the week with the Mariachi assembly and concert!



On Wednesday 27th March, we are inviting all pupils to come to school in clothing in colours which best match their personality.

Don't forget we also have our fantastic Mariachi Band in school next Wednesday to mark the end of Identity Week. We hope as many of you as possible can come to enjoy the celebrations! We wish you a happy and safe Easter Holiday.

PPA for Year 6 will be on Monday next week! Please ensure the children are coming into school wearing the correct kit.

Don't forget!

Wednesday is the last day of the half term.

Please ensure you collect your child at 12:00pm promptly.

Over to you...Homework

Children have been given SATs Companion logins to keep at home. Please ensure that they are accessing SATs Companion regularly to develop and improve their Reading, Grammar and Maths. <https://app.satscompanion.com/login> Children will also be given a homework revision pack to take home over Easter - please ensure they are regularly completing tasks to support them with their upcoming SATs exams.

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