



STARLING CLASS SUMMER 1

Welcome back to Summer Term! We hope everyone has enjoyed an amazing half term break and fantastic Easter holidays (not too many chocolate eggs!). Last half term was a really busy and fun term! Our highlights had to include British National Science Week (Planting), World Book Day and our Class Assembly which was great to see so many of you attend. We look forward to what's in store this half term!

THIS HALF TERM YOUR CHILDREN NEED:



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

22ND APRIL- FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM 1.
5TH MAY - BANK HOLIDAY
9TH MAY- THETFORD FOREST TRIP (TBC)
16TH MAY- NON UNIFORM DAY (TBC)
19TH MAY- RECEPTION PARENT CAFE (TBC)

Summer Term 1 Learning:

For our next topic, we will be reading one of our favourite books, 'The Gruffalo'. The children will try to find a Gruffalo in our outdoor space and spot some of his footprints! Throughout the topic, the children will learn parts of the Gruffalo story and we will put actions to them. As well as the Gruffalo story, we will be reading some other amazing stories written by Julia Donaldson. The children will think carefully about the characters, settings and events in these stories and will also have a focus on rhyme. We will be focusing closely on our sentence structure and looking out for our capital letters, finger spaces and a full stop at the end.

Phonics will continue daily following Read Write Inc and we encourage your children to practise their 'Fred Talk' sound blending for green words and say aloud their red tricky words.

In Maths, we will be exploring shapes and patterns, looking at 2D and 3D shapes, their properties, characteristics and sorting them.

We will be talking about woodland animals and species and exploring our senses. We will also think about a life-cycle of an animal and changes to trees during the next few months within our seasons.

IMPORTANT

- We are continuing to change reading books on a **Monday**, we look forward to seeing the children reading **5 times a week** to earn a star. It is important to practise their green and red words and not forgetting their set 1 and 2 sounds.
- Forest Schools will continue on **Monday**. Please remember appropriate clothing and footwear.
- **No swimming** this half term.