



**DARTINGTON**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

# Starlings Class Weekly Newsletter

**12<sup>th</sup> November 2021**



## HOME LEARNING

Please read at least 4 times a week and record what you have read in their reading record. I am encouraging the children to bring in their book bags everyday and when they enter the classroom at the start of the day they will now be expected to sit down quietly and read with a reading buddy.

**Home Learning –please talk to your child about money and see if they can remember how many pence each coin is worth.**

## ROUTINES

P.E. days: **Tuesday** and **Wednesdays**. Please make sure the children have a pair of trainers that fit and that they can manage to put on themselves.  
Forest school: **Mondays**. Please bring waterproofs and wellies.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another busy week in Starling class. Our maths focus of the week was money and recognising the different value of coins. In RE we were learning about the nativity story to get ready for our very own nativity play later in the term. In History we have been learning about Isambard Kingdom Brunel and how his bridges, railways and ships improved transport links across the world. In indoor PE we have been doing some barn dancing and outdoors are beginning to learn some football skills!

As a whole school we are really focusing on reading for pleasure, as research shows the importance of a child's life chances if they foster a love of reading and sharing books. Totnes library is trying to encourage children's love of reading too and is launching a new initiative;

**The Secret Book Quest** is a brand-new reading challenge designed to encourage a lifelong love of reading in children. The challenge is aimed at children over the age of five, with the target of getting them to have fun reading 50 books. The **Secret Book Quest** is completely **FREE** and a great way to inspire children to develop their reading skills. Library staff are on hand to support the children, helping them to discover new authors and explore a wide range of different types of books and ways of reading. The library is completely free to join - so any children who are not already members can be signed up at the same time as joining The Secret Book Quest. Every child who signs up will receive a special Secret Book Quest booklet packed full of puzzles, fun facts and activities. There are 10 themed 'zones' for children to travel through including animals, underwater, space and technology. To complete the Quest and win a prize, they must read five books for each zone and collect all the code-stickers along the way – a total of 50 books. The final sticker is the missing piece that enables them to decipher a secret code and complete the challenge!

I hope lots of our children will visit the library and take part!

Have a lovely weekend!  
Mrs Ryan Carter

## Attendance:

Please ensure your child attends school every day.

Every day missed is 6 hours of learning lost.



### Star of the Week

Our star of the week is **Meg** for her resilience! Meg found out you can really learn from your mistakes and corrected her own maths work!



### Important!

Please remember to bring your bookbag everyday from now on but it will still only be changed once on a Friday.

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