

Sparrows and Starlings

Spring 2022 Newsletter

Thank you for all your help and support in ensuring the year has got off to a great start. Here is our Autumn term newsletter which tells you a little more about what we will be doing in school. As always if you have any questions or concerns please speak to us.

Class	Year Group	Teacher(s)
Sparrows	Years 3 - 6	Mrs Hughes (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday) Miss Crooks (Wednesday and Friday)
Starlings	Years 3 - 6	Miss Coxall (Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday) Miss Crooks Monday
Mrs Fletcher, Miss Smith and Mrs Reynolds will work across both classes to support the children's learning.		

Our Curriculum

We are able to adapt our curriculum to the specific needs of our pupils. Children will be taught both one to one and in small groups. Continuous provision and free play activities that target children's needs are available throughout the day. Targeted interventions that focus on speech and language, phonics and reading will also take place throughout the day.

English	Children are taught using SFA. This is a structured programme where the children read books and focus on their comprehension skills. Writing is also taught during our SFA sessions. Children are taught in small groups based on the stage they are at.
Maths	Using the <i>Maths Mastery</i> approach, key learning includes: number, place value, addition and subtraction and measure. Children are taught in small groups or one to one based on the stage they are at. There is a strong focus on vocabulary and the use of concrete resources to aid understanding.
Curriculum	The children will have access to a broad and balanced curriculum including weekly science, R.E. and music lessons. Geography, History, Computing, Art and DT will also be covered each half term.
PSHE	We will have daily Paths lessons which include discussions around feelings, how all feelings are acceptable but not all reactions are, what to do with big feelings and how to manage feeling angry. We will discuss how everyone feels different feelings at different times and how there are comfortable and uncomfortable feelings.

Reading

All children will access the library weekly and will have the opportunity to choose a library book to take home.

Children who are on SFA Roots will bring home their SFA books.

Children will also bring home a book from our reading scheme.

Reading books will be changed and reading records checked on a Monday and Thursday morning. Dojos will be awarded to children who have read at home.

Physical Education

We know how important physical activity is to mental health and wellbeing therefore this is something that we will do lots throughout our week. We will go on regular walks to get exercise and fresh air.

Children will be participating in indoor and outdoor PE this term and PE kits need to be in school throughout the week. The children will bring their kits home to be washed on a Friday. The children will need shorts and a t-shirt for indoor PE days and tracksuit bottoms and a jumper for outdoor PE days.

Forest Schools will continue for both classes on a Thursday. Please ensure children are dressed appropriately.

Class	P.E. Days
Sparrows	Friday
Starlings	Wednesday

Equipment in school

All children need to have -

- A pair of wellies
- A spare change of clothes
- A water bottle
- A P.E. Kit

All items need to be named.

Best wishes and thank you for your support,
Mrs Hughes, Miss Coxall, Miss Smith, Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Reynolds