

## Starling Class Newsletter – Spring Term

Dear Parents.

We would like to wish you a Happy New Year and all the best for 2018!

Thank you very much for the gifts you gave us at Christmas, they were very much appreciated and enjoyed.

This term we will be continuing with the topic of The Egyptians in history. We will be looking at maps of Great Britain and Europe and locating countries and cities in geography. In science we will be looking at the topics of Soils and Rocks and Forces and Magnets.

In maths we will continue to count in 3s and 4s and begin to look at the 6 and 7 times table in more detail. They have understood the concept behind the tables but need more practice at home to increase their speed and improve accuracy with multiplying and dividing their times tables.

We will be working hard on telling the time in school but extra practice is still needed. You can help your child by pointing out the time on clocks and particularly looking at how long things take to do.

In English our themes this term are Recounts, Reports and Legends, looking at the Knights of the Round Table in particular. We will continue to send home weekly spellings to be tested each Tuesday. Reading books can be changed first thing in the morning by Mrs.Rayment but the children need to remember to ask. It is beneficial if children can be heard regularly at home as it helps with their fluency and understanding. This is rewarded handsomely with monster points when recorded in their reading diaries! Some children are choosing to read their own books from home. This gives the children a variety of books but please can you make a note of when they read in their diaries.

We currently have PE on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please make sure that your child has a clean PE kit, including shorts, PE polo shirt and plimsolls or trainers available on each of these days. Weather permitting we will continue with the daily mile as it has been such a success. On occasions, however, it can get rather muddy and wet and so a spare of socks to use when running would be useful.

I look forward to another happy and productive term.

Julie Rowe and Julia Ferguson