

## Spring Newsletter

Starling Class:

Miss McGivern, Miss Betts, Miss Ford, Mrs Kittle & Mrs Thompson



Happy New Year! 2020 will be an exciting and rewarding time for our cohort, and we are very much looking forward to working alongside you to ensure that your child is prepared for all of the challenges ahead. This term our wider curriculum foci include: Science: Brilliant Bodies - The Circulatory System; Geography: Wild World – Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes. We will also continue to prepare the children for the SATs tests, and the challenges beyond.

### PE Schedule & Equipment

Our PE focus this half term is Dance around the World – this will take place on a Wednesday afternoon, facilitated by Dellar Sports. Please ensure your child has the correct PE Kit, including jogging bottoms, a jumper and trainers. All jewellery and earrings need to be removed prior to the session. written note to support this.

### Dates for your Diary

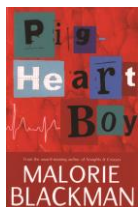
**Mock SATs Week:** 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Jan

**Learning Together:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – 2pm to 3pm

**Class Assembly:** Weds 1<sup>st</sup> April @ 2:30pm

### Whole Class Reading

Our focus book this term is Pig-Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman.



Further recommended reads can be found on our updated website link.

### Correct School Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform each day, including black shoes.

### Starling Class – Teaching Arrangements

There are a number of changes to the structure of Starling Class this term. This has been carefully considered and the new timetable offers consistency and expertise to the class.

**Monday – Miss McGivern (am and pm)**

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**Thursday – Miss McGivern (am) Mrs Kittle / Mrs Thompson (pm)**

**Friday – Miss Ford & Miss Betts (am and pm)**

### Starling Class Homework

Each week, children will be expected to complete:

1 x Reading Comprehension

1 x Spelling & Grammar

1 x Maths - Consolidation

In addition to this, the Take Away Challenges should also be accessed over the course of the term.

### Homework Help Club

HHC will take place on a Thursday lunchtime. Please encourage your child to come along if they are struggling to access challenges or find time to complete their work.

### Planned Trips

We are hoping to arrange a trip to Cambridge Science Centre this half term – Details, schedules and cost for the trip will be announced very soon.

### SATs Preparation

There are a number of specific consolidation and revision opportunities this term, including Pixl Therapies and After School Interventions. *If you child is invited to attend after school, please support and encourage them to join the session.*

**Early Bird Breakfast Boosters** are open to ALL Year 6 children, and will run on a Tuesday and Thursday morning – 8:15am to 8:45am. Sign up is not essential – drop in when they wish.

### Residential Update

We are already excited about our East Mersea Residential! Please ensure you keep the office up to date with payments, and that relevant medical and dietary information is given to the team well in advance of our visit.

