

Darling Class NEWSLETTER Summer TERM 1 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have all had a wonderful Easter break and are looking forward to better weather and the Summer term ahead.

Monday: Mrs Breen, Mrs Morely, Mrs Harwood

Tuesday: Mrs Breen, Mrs Morley

Wednesday: Mrs Breen, Mrs Morely, Mrs Major

Thursday: Mrs Hunter, Mrs Major, Mrs Harwood

Friday: Mrs Hunter, Mrs Major, Mrs Harwood (am)

Topic – Magic and Mystery

This half term's topic has been chosen by the children, who were all very excited to have the opportunity to take ownership of their learning and suggest an array of mysterious and magical projects and activities that they would like to do.

Summer Term 5	
Communication and Language	<p>Here are a few of the wonderful texts that we will be sharing this term to support our developing vocabulary, our understanding, discussion of characters and events and our retelling of stories.</p>
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	<p>As well as developing our friendships, independence and responsibility, we will be exploring how we can keep ourselves safe. This will include looking at things we put into our bodies, hazards that we might find indoors and outdoors, keeping safe online and who we talk to when we don't feel safe.</p>
Physical Development	<p>Nursery will be exploring dance movements, shapes, space and different ways of travelling through Nursery Rhymes. They will also be using the gymnastics equipment to build strength and coordination, travelling high and low. Reception will be getting Sports Day ready with Athletics.</p>
Literacy	<p>We will begin the term with the oral telling and learning of the traditional tale 'The Magic Porridge Pot'. Reception children will be able to create and write their own version of this story. We will be exploring new vocabulary and extending oral and written sentences with adjectives and connectives. Quality texts will be shared to support the identification of rhymes, develop rhyming strings and syllabic awareness. Nursery children will be encouraged in their mark making to create potions, while Reception children will use their phonic knowledge and grammatical knowledge to do this.</p>
Maths	<p>In Maths, Reception children will be starting to count by adding on, counting forwards and backwards, making and ordering numbers to 20 as well as recognising doubles, odds and evens and solving real life problems involving halving and sharing. Nursery children will be learning number rhymes, recognising, counting and comparing numbers, understanding and using the vocabulary of more and fewer and recognising and extending AB patterns.</p>
Knowledge and Understanding of the World	<p>With magic and mystery afoot, we will use all of our senses to explore the world around us, delve in the world of magnetism and force, watch and feel how materials change, create bubbling potions and make kinaesthetic sand. We will navigate beebots to find clues and help us to solve mysteries and find out about places that are special to different people.</p>
Expressive Art and Design	<p>We will be exploring the magic of music and movement as we learn new songs and rhymes and accompany them with music. We will use colour mixing magic and draw with magic crayons and explore magic milk. We will set the stage for performances and let our imaginations flow in our small world play.</p>

Forest School

We will be continuing our weekly Forest School sessions this term following the Magic and Mystery theme. The children will have the opportunity to whittle a wand, hear folk stories from around the world, explore mysteries in nature, make magic potions and create mini tipis for forest folk or woodland animals.

Nursery & Reception - Forest School will take place on a **Monday** afternoon.

On Forest School days, please ensure that your child comes to school wearing suitable clothing – layers suitable to the climate, long sleeved tops that are tucked in and trousers, as well as wellies or snow boots, waterproof trousers and coat. In school we encourage the children to be as independent as possible, so please do help your child to practise putting on and taking off these items at home.

If you can help with Forest School on any of these days please email darlingclass@stanton-st-quintin.wilts.sch.uk

P.E

Nursery will be participating in P.E sessions run in the hall **most days** this term, so please come dressed in joggers/ leggings **every day**.

Nursery and **Reception** will have PE together on a **Friday**. Please practise helping your child to take off their shoes and socks and send them into school in joggers or leggings on this day – no skirts, tights or dresses please.

Reading

Reception children will continue to receive letter sounds and high frequency words on their key ring. Please do practise these, and their phonics scheme reading book, each day and record your reading in their Reading Record book.

Whilst your child is learning to read, we ask that you encourage your child to re-read their phonics book until they are able to read this book fluently. Re-reading the same book for fluency supports young readers to become more confident and engaged in reading.

All Nursery and Reception children are invited to change their class choice book each day and their library books once a week.

Reception will visit the library on a Thursday, so please do ensure that your child brings in their library books on this day in order for them to choose a new one.

Resources wish list

If you have any of the following that you are happy to donate, we would be very appreciative:

- Mini potion bottles
- Coloured card
- White card
- Cream of tartar, plain flour, sunflower oil, salt (for play dough!)
- Food colouring

A reminder of how you can support your child & contacting us

Your child's education is a partnership. We ask that you

- Support your child in his/her learning through practice at home and promoting positive attitudes
- Encourage personal independence by making sure children are able to put on and take off coats, gloves, hats and shoes
- Support the school's policies, including home learning
- Make sure your child is in school and on time.
- Make sure that you have given us the updated permissions and contact information

The best way to contact us is to use the class email: darlingclass@stanton-st-quintin.wilts.sch.uk

For urgent messages please call the school office on 01666 837602.

Please do take a look at what we get up to each week, on our Darling Class and Forest School Blogs:

[Stanton St Quintin - Darling Blog \(stantonschool.net\)](http://stantonschool.net) [Stanton St Quintin - Forest School \(stantonschool.net\)](http://stantonschool.net)

We look forward to a very happy and exciting term together,

From The Darling Class Team