

# Darling Class NEWSLETTER SPRING TERM 1 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

A very happy New Year to you all and a huge welcome to Aareka, Emily, Ernest, Florence, George and their families, who are joining Darling Class this term. We hope that you have all had a happy few weeks and are as excited as we are about starting the New Year.

## Topic – Digging for Dinosaurs

This half term is an exciting one, with the Digging for Dinosaurs topic being chosen by the children. We will be exploring dinosaur fossils and habitats, investigating dinosaur footprints, creating a dinosaur fact file and travelling through time to go on dinosaur adventures. We will also be inviting parents to join us in creating (and eating!) a special Dinosaur Dinner.

This term also sees us celebrating World Religion Day, exploring helping hands in relation to friendship, helping to look after our world and how we keep money safe. In maths we will be using tens frames to explore the composition of number, counting, comparing and ordering and finding one more and one fewer than a number, with dinosaurs giving a helping hand too!

## Forest School

We will be continuing our weekly Forest School sessions this term. Darling Class will be exploring the link between owls and dinosaurs, learning more about the birds that nest our environment and comparing these to nests of birds who live in different environments and finding ways that we can help birds during the Winter months. We will take inspiration from beautiful stories, including Little Owl's Egg by Debi Gilori, Mama built a little nest by Jennifer Ward and Owl Babies by Martin Waddell, creating our own owls to role play and look after.

**Nursery**, Forest School will take place on a **Monday** afternoon.

**Reception**, Forest School will take place on a **Monday** and **Wednesday** afternoon.

On these 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, coat, hat, scarf and gloves and thick or double socks (it is going to be cold underfoot and children will need warm feet to ensure that they do not get cold). 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](mailto:darlingclass@stanton-st-quintin.wilts.sch.uk)

## P.E

P.E this term will be gymnastics and will take place 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 with your child and record your reading in their Reading Record book.

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:

- Stationary – letter paper, envelopes, cards, notebooks, stickers, post it notes
- Brown paper
- Junk modelling boxes, toilet rolls

## 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](mailto: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