

# Darling Class NEWSLETTER Summer TERM 2 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our final term of this academic year and a warm welcome to Freddie who is joining us in Nursery. A little reminder to please apply 8 hour sun cream to your child **before** they come to school as we will be unable to apply it during school. Children also need to have a named sun hat in school with them every day.

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 – Sea Life

This half term’s topic will encompass all aspects of sea life, from the weird and wonderful creatures that live within our oceans; the jobs of people who live on the coast; how we stay safe at the beach; picnics and ice cream; pirates and treasure maps; sea shanties and much more besides.

Summer Term 5	
<b>Communication and Language</b>	<p>We will be developing our language and vocabulary as we engage in seaside small world play, share our experiences of holidays, take on different roles in a seaside café, collaborate in our play as we go on pirate adventures, learn about sea animals create our own aquarium.</p> <p>Here are some of the texts that we will be sharing this half term:</p>
<b>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</b>	<p>As well as developing our friendships, independence and responsibility, we will looking at growing and changing. For Reception children, this half term’s PSHE unit will also include our annual safeguarding lessons and a separate letter will be sent out regarding this.</p>
<b>Physical Development</b>	<p>Nursery will be working on their spatial awareness, negotiating space and travelling in different directions at different speeds.</p> <p>Reception will be doing Athletics on a Friday.</p>
<b>Literacy</b>	<p>In Phonics, Reception children will using and applying their phonics to read and write CVCCC, CCVCC and CCVCC words, revising our two letter one sounds and learning the three letters one sound /tch/. Nursery children will be using alliteration, hearing and clapping syllables, hearing, saying and matching initial sounds in words and beginning to segment and blend CVC words.</p> <p>We will be sharing a range of fiction and non-fiction this term, supporting our mark making and writing of postcards, fact files and story writing.</p>
<b>Maths</b>	<p>In Maths, Reception children will be estimating, measuring and comparing mass and capacity as well as using money to find and compare totals, give change and solve problems. We will also be exploring how to collect and display data, through pictograms and tally charts.</p> <p>Nursery children will be learning number rhymes, subitising, counting to find a total and knowing that the last number counted is the whole amount. We will be experimenting with their own symbols and marks as well as numerals, solving real world mathematical problems with numbers up to 5, comparing quantities using language: ‘more than’, ‘fewer than’ and discussing routes and locations, using words like ‘in front of’ and ‘behind’.</p>
<b>Knowledge and Understanding of the World</b>	<p>We will be programming beebots to locate treasure on treasure maps, creating our own maps and following those made by others. We will be looking at different jobs that people have at the seaside, including fishermen, lifeguards, coastguard and the RNLI, souvenir shops and ice cream sellers. We will be exploring the concepts of floating and sinking and having a go at making our own boats.</p> <p>In RE Reception children will hearing stories from Islam and Christianity, with a focus on important people and how they show the importance of kindness and looking after others.</p>
<b>Expressive Art and Design</b>	<p>We will be getting creative making lighthouses, rockpools, and taking on different roles as pirates, lighthouse keepers, fishermen and lifeguards.</p> <p>We will listen to and learn sea shanties and ocean themed poems, rhymes and songs and respond to these in dance and with instruments.</p>

## Forest School

We will be continuing our weekly Forest School sessions this term exploring our new Forest School site. Reception will also have some Forest School sessions in the Big Woods this term.

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

**Reception** – Every **Monday & Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July.**

On Forest School days, please ensure that your child comes to school wearing suitable clothing. Children must be in a long sleeved top and trousers at all times for Forest School, to avoid insect bites and scratches. As the weather gets warmer a thin long sleeved top will be much more suitable than a t-shirt and jumper, as the jumper will have to stay on. They must also have a sun hat. 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

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

**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 shorts, 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:

- Coloured card or coloured paper
- Envelopes
- Postcards

## 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