**Literacy**

In literacy this term Starlings will focus on the topic of ‘Journeys’ during which we will be reading a range of texts based on different journeys. At the start of the term we will read the story of Beegu and write persuasive letters and descriptive sentences. Following this we will read the Great Race which links well to the celebration of Chinese New year. During this we will complete retelling of the stories and work on our sentence structure. At the end of the half we will read ‘What the ladybird heard’ looking at maps and writing instructions on where to go. After half term we will look at animals writing out information texts as well as creating Easter themed poems.

**Maths**

The children will look at number, place value, addition and subtraction. The children will need to be able to complete number lines to 20 looking at moving forwards and backwards in and using this information to solve addition and subtraction word problems. Year 2 will be learning about money and it would be great to let them go to a shop and spend some money to link the learning to real life experiences. Year 2 will also solve multiplication and division facts. After half term both year groups will move onto our measurements unit where we will be learning about length, height, mass and volume.

**Science**

We start the term by covering Seasons whereby the children will identify the different seasons and observe the weather and changes around them as the seasons change. They will complete observational work and link these to their own experiences. After half term the children will be observing plants and watching how they grow and what they need to survive.

**PE**

In PE this term Starlings class will be working on Dance on a Monday and Netball on a Friday. Please ensure your child has their PE in school with them everyday. Their PE kit should include trainers and spare socks.

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**RE**

The children will begin RE this year by exploring the question ‘What important stories did Jesus tell?’ They will learn about, and discuss the meanings of the parables and discuss what we can learn from each of these. After half term the children will continue to learn about Christianity answering the question ‘Why do Christians pray to God’. They will have time to think about prayers that they have completed and what do we place within a prayer.

**PSHE**

The children will cover two topics in PSHE this term. ‘Dreams and Goals’, will allow the children to explore themselves in a positive way and to develop aspirational ideas and learn to motivate themselves. They will also be learning how to respect each others hopes and dreams and think about how they can encourage others. ‘Healthy me’ teaches them to think about being healthy in body as well as personally and socially.

**Art/DT**

In Art children will be exploring surrealism in the style of Joan Miro. They will think about journeys and dreams to create their own pieces of artwork in his style. They will use a range of resources including pencils, crayons, pastels and paints.

**History**

In the first half of the term the children will be continuing our journeys topic by finding out about famous explorers and what made them important. They will be learning about Amelia Earhart, Matthew Henson, Neil Armstrong and Felicity Aston. They will be thinking about what has changed from the past to the present.

**Geography**

During the unit ‘Life in the City’ the children will learn about the United Kingdom. Learning about England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. They will learn about cities and what we will find within a city. They will observe different parts of the country and find them on a map of the United Kingdom.

**Music/French**

Music will continue to be taught by Mr Rapson continuing with their enthusiasm for finding a beat and playing a melody using a range of instruments and their voices. Mrs Meola will continue with the French topic is based on Superheros using colours and verbs.

**Computing**

Using our programme of Just 2 Easy the children will be creating data, Gathering data from the class and putting it into a pictograph to show the information.

**Home Learning tasks**

Home learning will include securing number fluency on Numbots and Times Tables Rockstars. Using the Just2easy website or app the children can access the weekly spellings along with common high frequency words. It will also be important to read at home - every day, even if only for ten minutes. Weekly spelling will be based on the phonic sounds we are learning along with the Year 1 and Year 2 Common Exception Words will be introduced so practice of these words at home will also be requested. These spellings will go on Google Classroom.