



Enriching the lives of our children

Academy of Stars

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Welcome back!

As we look ahead to the start of a new school year, I am very excited to welcome the children back after the summer break. The beginning of a new year is a wonderful opportunity to build new friendships, develop confidence and independence, and create lots of happy memories together. I am really looking forward to celebrating your child's successes throughout the year and seeing how much progress they make.

We have lots of exciting learning and experiences ahead, and I can't wait to get started!
Miss Hobson

If you ever have any queries, please speak to your class teacher Miss Hobson (Academy of Stars Lead) or a member of the team.

PE day: Tuesday

Invasion games

Your child should come to school in their full PE kit on these days. Please remember to remove your child's earrings for these lessons.

Homework

This year, we are doing homework a little differently! Rather than traditional written homework, we are challenging the children to get creative and complete a fun project linked to our current topic. This term, we will be exploring volcanoes, so the children's challenge is to create their very own volcano!

Please see the homework sheet for more information!

Tapestry

A quick reminder that you can view your child's learning each week on Tapestry. If you have any difficulty accessing this, please do let us know and we will be happy to help.

Our learning this term

Over the next 10 weeks, our focus will be volcanoes and earthquakes. We will explore how volcanoes are formed, why they erupt and where they are found, using practical, sensory and immersive activities.

In English, we will explore Winnie the Witch, developing vocabulary, communication, reading and early writing through characters, settings and story sequencing.

In Maths, we will develop number, counting and calculation skills, alongside individual targets, using practical resources such as Numicon and counters.

In Science, we will explore living things and their environments, identifying, sorting and grouping plants and animals and learning what they need to survive.



Reading



Your child will be bringing home a reading book in their bag. We would really appreciate it if you could spend a little time reading with your child at home when you are able to. Even just a few minutes looking at the pictures, talking about the story, listening to your child read a word or two, or sharing the book together can make a big difference. Most importantly, we want reading to be an enjoyable and positive experience for your child, and your support at home is hugely appreciated.