

## Starfish Standard

Summer 2 2013

### Literacy

This half term we will be covering fiction as well as poetry.

The children will continue work on stories set in imaginary worlds. They will need to decide on how their character appears in the imaginary world and think about the atmosphere they want to create in their imaginary world.

Playscripts is a favourite at this time of year! Starfish will learn about features of playscripts as well as writing their own play.

Poetry will consist of the children performing poetry using different techniques and evaluating their performances.

### Maths

The children will be covering lots of different areas of mathematics over this half term. These include:

- Using compass directions to describe movement
- Using coordinates to position objects on a grid
- Calculating using the four operations
- Finding fractions of amounts
- Finding equivalent fractions using diagrams
- Compare and order angles in degrees

To enhance the children's learning in maths, children can practise these areas using Mathletics.

<http://www.mathletics.co.uk/>

### Topic

The Rivers and Coasts topic will continue this half term. The focus will be on art and DT.

In art, the children will create a collage using different materials linked to a water theme. They will design their collage first and think clearly about the most effective materials needed to produce their work. Once created, the children will evaluate.



In DT, the children will design bridges to solve a problem. They will work in groups to build a bridge from newspaper to support the weight of a toy car. Of course, it's not that simple! The children will have rules to follow! Look out for the pictures on the website.

### Lots to Look Forward to!

The last half term of this academic year is always a busy one - we have much to look forward to!

6<sup>th</sup> June: The Children's Countryside Day

26<sup>th</sup> June: Year 4 Quad Kids

The children will be participating in sporting activities with year 4 children from other schools to aid the transition into year 5.

27<sup>th</sup> June: All of Starfish will be taking part in a Tri Golf tournament with other schools in the partnership.

12<sup>th</sup> July: Starfish will enjoy the yearly event of the Swimming Gala - a popular event to push teachers in the water!

15<sup>th</sup> July: The performance you've all been waiting for...Roald Dahl's 'The Three Little Pigs'.

17<sup>th</sup> July: Starfish are lucky to take part in an excavation taking place in Low Hauxley. The Archaeologists Research Services will work with the children prior to the visit and then with a follow up session when we come back to school in September.

### MUSIC

The children have been working extremely hard in drumming. They will continue to play the Conga and Bongo drums as well as adding percussion, singing and dancing into the equation. Get ready for their final performance at the end of term!