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Loving learning, loving each other and loving life
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AGAPE: The Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 25-37)

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Welcome to Starfish Class! We hope you had a lovely Summer Holiday. We have had a great start to the school year, settling well into the new environment and routines. Our very intriguing and delightful topic for this Autumn Term is "Childhood". We will explore what "childhood" may have looked like in the past, discuss the present and what it might look like in the future. Please see our topic jigsaw outlining the curriculum areas that we will cover this term along with our weekly timetable.

Reading and Phonics

We strongly encourage that you support your child at home by reading with them **every night** this could be as little as 5 mins an evening or 5 mins after breakfast. This will help your child to embed their phonic and word reading knowledge and allow them to continue to develop their skills. On a Monday, your child will bring home a Read Write Inc book matched to their phonic ability. The expectation is that your child will read their RWI book 3 times in a week (just as they do at school). The first read enables your child to decode the text, the second read should help support their understanding and comprehension and the third read will allow your child to focus on building fluency and expression in their reading. On Tuesdays and Thursdays your child will be able to select two further books to read for their own enjoyment. These books are not necessarily linked to their phonic ability (we will however guide their choice of book) and as such they may require support from you to read it. There are handy bookmarks with hints and tips for developing reading comprehension skills in your child's yellow reading log. It is particularly important for those children who are provided with Read Write Inc phonics books to engage with a range of reading activities linked to their book (speed words, sounds, red and green words, jump in, questions for discussion etc - your child should know what these mean). North Curry School runs a reading challenge where all children who have read five times a week will receive a 'golden ticket' and will be entered into a prize draw to choose a book from our new vending machine. This reading **MUST** be logged in your child's yellow reading logbook and signed by a parent or guardian. **Please ensure your child comes to school with their yellow reading log and book every day.**

Homework

Instead of weekly Maths homework your child will be expected to practise their number facts or timestables using Numbots or TT Rockstars for a minimum of 5 mins 3 x a week. Miss Smith will be monitoring this. Logins will be sent out next week. As part of your child's Read Write Inc sessions, they will also be set weekly spellings on a Monday. Please practise these at home so your child is ready for an informal test the following Monday.

P.E kit

Starfish Class have P.E every Monday afternoon. **Please ensure that your child brings their P.E kit to school on Mondays.** Shorts/joggers, t-shirts, a change of socks and trainers are needed. Please ensure that everything in your child's PE kit is clearly labelled. Wherever possible, P.E will take place outside so please ensure that your child has suitable clothing.

If you have any messages for us, please write these in your child's yellow reading log, ring the school office or let a member of staff know on the school gate. **Please let a member of staff or the office know if someone new is collecting your child on your behalf.** If you have any queries or questions please speak to me directly at pick up by the classroom so that we can help.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Smith and Mrs Stannard.

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