



# Starlings'

## Ask Me About



Spring 2

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025

### Maths

For both Year 4 and 5 we have finished our fractions learning and have just started decimals (which includes percentages for Year 5). The only new bit of fractions that wasn't mentioned in the last Ask me About was for Year 5, who have learnt to multiply fractions. By the end of the unit the children were multiplying mixed numbers by integers, using the method below.

Whitney is working out  $3 \times 2\frac{2}{5}$  by partitioning the mixed number into a whole number and a fraction.

$$\begin{aligned} 3 \times 2 &= 6 \\ 3 \times \frac{2}{5} &= \frac{6}{5} = 1\frac{1}{5} \\ 3 \times 2\frac{2}{5} &= 6 + 1\frac{1}{5} = 7\frac{1}{5} \end{aligned}$$

We have just begun our decimals unit. For the Year 4s this is the first time they have learnt about decimals. They learn about tenths and hundredths and the relationship between fractions and decimals. Next half-term we will be comparing and ordering them and looking at decimals in a practical context: money. Year 5 have now learnt about thousandths and are just starting to learn about percentages for the first time. After half-term they will compare and order decimals as well as adding and subtracting them.

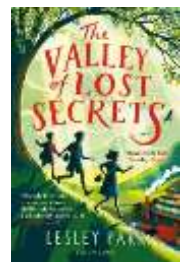
### Year 4 Multiplication Check

This takes place the first 2 weeks after May half-term. At parent consultations we handed out information about the check and times tables cards to practice with at home. On Times Tables Rockstars children should now be practising using 'sound check', as this replicates the Multiplication Check. We are seeing great progress in Mighty Multiples and our New Mastering Number programme has been a hit too! Ask your child about Going for Gold!

### English

#### Reading

We have finished reading *The Valley of Lost Secrets* and it was definitely a hit! If your child enjoyed this book, they might like to read Lesley Parr's other books: *When the War Came Home* and *Where the River Takes Us*.



#### Writing



Writing this term started with amazing Tanka poems written by the children based on WW2. The children then wrote a retell based on the lion and the unicorn. They were then given a picture from the book *Blitz* as inspiration to write an independent piece of writing. We finished the term off by writing instructions on how to build an Anderson Shelter mimicking the style of *Horrible Histories*.

## Science

Science this term has been about the circulatory system. The children have enjoyed learning all about how blood flows through the heart and the names of the different chambers. We ended the topic by having dissection lesson. The children were fascinated that the heart looked like it did. ❤️



## History

We have completed our unit of World War Two and what a lot of knowledge the children have! Here are some of our trip photos to Newhaven Fort.







## DT

In DT we made automata toys to shown an endangered animal. We learnt all about cams and followers. Here are some of our finished pieces.





Mrs Atkins and Ms Miah

## Homework

| Homework            |   |
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| <b>Reading</b>      | Please read 5 times a week and write this in your Reading Diary. Reading diaries are checked on Mondays.  |
| <b>Topic</b>        | The next topic grid will be sent out after Easter. At least one piece of homework need to be brought in during the last week of term.   |
| <b>Spellings</b>    | The spellings for the week will be stuck in reading diaries each Monday. The spelling test will be on Friday each week.   |
| <b>Times Tables</b> | Mighty Multiples will be completed in school every Friday. Any practise you can do on your focus times tables at home will help. One way to do this is on Times Tables Rock Stars <a href="https://trockstars.com/">https://trockstars.com/</a> |