



Star class Information

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Who are the teachers and teaching assistants?	<i>Teachers: Simon (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon to Friday) and Becky (Wednesday morning)</i> <i>Teaching Assistants: Becky, Sam, Leanne and Karen</i>
Who are the pupils/students?	<i>Preston, Joe, Leia, Tiffany, Noah and Evalyn</i>
What are they learning?	<p><i>This term's topic is 'People'. We will be learning about famous scientists like Albert Einstein, famous musicians like The Beatles and trusted people in the community like police, fire and medical officers. In PE this term, we are going to focus on football in the first half-term and basketball in the second half-term, learning kicking, catching and throwing skills. In Literacy, we will continue learning phonics and to read using 'Read Write Inc'. The focuses for Maths this term are number, measurement of length and shapes; in our class, we will learn about 2D and 3D shapes, counting and number ordering, some students will start learning about addition and subtraction. In Science we will be learning about the human body.</i></p> <p><i>We are planning RE activities for the week beginning 9 October based on the Christian festival, Harvest. In the week beginning 27 November, we are planning RE activities based on the Sikh Guru Nanak. The week beginning 6 November is our next MFL/Culture Week focused on Poland.</i></p> <p><i>You can find out more about our curriculum on our website at https://linwood.bournemouth.sch.uk/springwood/learning/vita-curriculum/curriculum-plans/</i></p>
What could I do at home to help with their learning?	<p><i>You could:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• Reinforce your child's understanding of people who are important in his/her life.</i><i>• Introduce him/her to appropriate new people.</i><i>• Identify some ways that people are different, for example their physical features, age, religious beliefs, languages or the places they live.</i><i>• Learn the name or sign for important parts of the body.</i><i>• Practise skills to look after your body such as washing, bathing and cleaning teeth.</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spot and name some shapes.
Are there any good resources or websites we could use at home?	<p>https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ contains a variety of interactive games, which you can filter by age, subject and category.</p> <p>ictgames provide a variety of free games to extend learning in maths and English. You can find it at: https://ictgames.com/</p> <p>If you would like any symbols to support your child's communication at home, please get in touch with the class teacher.</p>
What books or stories should we read at home?	<p>Please let us know if you would like to use books from the Read Write Inc programme to practise reading at home; otherwise you could look at any books with strong characters or illustrations of people.</p>
When is PE?	<p>PE is on a Tuesday morning. No extra clothing is needed.</p>
When do you go out on trips?	<p>Our community visits are on Wednesday afternoons.</p>
Does this class go swimming?	<p>There are no swimming lessons for Springwood pupils/students in the autumn term.</p>
Are there other days when my son/daughter needs to bring in anything else?	<p>No; we will always let you know in advance.</p>
What snacks can I send for my son/daughter?	<p>We have snack time each morning and we provide fruit. If your son/daughter would prefer a different snack, please send it for him/her. Please remember that we encourage healthy snacks and we are a nut-free school so do not send nuts or any products containing nuts.</p>
Are there any dates I should put on my calendar?	<p>Every Monday from 11 Sept., 9.30-11.30, Linwood Campus Family Room: Wellness group</p> <p>28 Sept., 9.30-11.30, Linwood Campus Family Room: My Child Parent/Carer Support Group (meets monthly, further dates to follow)</p> <p>5 Oct., 9.30-11.30, Springwood Campus Family Room: Parent/Carer coffee morning (parents and carers from all campuses are welcome)</p> <p>2 Nov., 9.30-11.30, Springwood Campus Family Room: Parent/Carer coffee morning (parents and carers from all campuses are welcome)</p> <p>7 Dec., 9.30-11.30, Springwood Campus Family Room: Parent/Carer coffee morning (parents and carers from all campuses are welcome)</p>

	<p><i>Week beginning 9 Oct: RE Week – Harvest (Christianity)</i></p> <p><i>23-27 Oct: Half term (school closed)</i></p> <p><i>Week beginning 6 Nov: MFL/Culture Week (theme to be confirmed)</i></p> <p><i>Week beginning 27 Nov: RE Week – Guru Nanak (Sikhism)</i></p> <p><i>18 Dec.-4 Jan: Christmas holiday (school closed)</i></p>
How can I contact the teacher?	<p><i>E-mail: simonwhitbread@linwood.bournemouth.sch.uk</i></p> <p><i>If you need to contact us urgently, please call the school office on 01202 592410 and speak to Gemma or Lauren. Classroom-based staff may not be able to speak to you immediately but will call you back as soon as possible if necessary.</i></p>