

## PLACES OF INTEREST RELATED TO THIS TOPIC

We will be sending out more specific information about this once the children have chosen what it is they would like to learn about. However, as our focus is our local environment, any visits around Cholsey, Wallingford, Didcot, Oxford or any other local places would aid the children's understanding.

## SPECIAL REQUEST

We are always appreciative of anyone who can volunteer to come in and support us for example with Forest School or hearing children read. Please let us know if you can donate your time to this.

## HOW CAN MY PARENT HELP ME?

**Home Learning** is not compulsory; however we actively encourage you to provide as many opportunities as possible for out of school learning. We have a Home Learning section on our website where you will find a range of resources and links for home learning. If there is anything else, specific to your child, that we would like you to work on at home, we will contact you individually.

**Year 1** –Your child will be provided with a **reading book** and this will be changed frequently, however you are more than welcome to pop in after school and swap your child's books with them – staff will show you where they are kept. Book changes will usually be recorded in a Yellow Home School book – please feel free to record any home reading if you wish.

**Year 2**- Your child will be provided with a bookmark within the first few weeks of term. This will have some information on it on how to support your child with reading and also which colour book we would like your child to be reading. We will not be changing the books for the children or recording in yellow books. However, we will encourage the children to change books themselves, or you are welcome to come in at the end of the day to select some. We would ask that the title of the book being read is recorded on the back of the bookmark and exchanged for a house point when it is filled in.

We are also learning some counting songs this term – please ask your child about these! Later in the year, year 2's will be introduced to Times Table Rockstars.



Our Wonderful World

Key Stage 1 Team



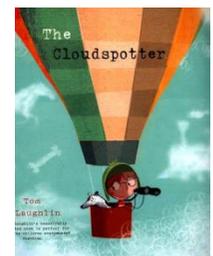
## TOPIC OVERVIEW

Welcome back!

We hope that you had an enjoyable summer holiday and are ready for the start of a new academic year.

During the autumn term we will have a whole school theme of 'Our Wonderful World' and the children will be learning about our world with a focus on our local area. To start the term we will be thinking about Kindness using the following two books:

"The Cloud Spotter" in Year 1 and "Kind" in year 2.



## THIS TERM, YOU WILL LEARN...

<b>English</b>	We will be focusing on writing to entertain and sentence structure.
<b>Maths</b>	Place Value Counting
<b>Science</b>	(local) Habitats
<b>Art &amp; Design</b>	Collages and drawing skills
<b>Geography</b>	The local environment
<b>PE</b>	Multiskills
<b>Music</b>	Performing
<b>Computing</b>	Purple Mash
<b>RE</b>	Community
<b>PSHE</b>	School Care Values / Kindness



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THIS TERM

### PE:

Please could you ensure that children have their PE kit in school all week. PE kits should include:  
A plain white top / house top  
Plain black or navy joggers / shorts  
A school rugby top (winter) – these are a new addition to our PE uniform and are available from ‘Make It Mine’, our school uniform shop. Alternatively a black or navy jumper (no hoodies).  
Sports trainers (can be same as those worn to school, if dark coloured)  
Please make sure that all school uniform items (including PE kits) are clearly labelled.

### Equipment:

All stationery is provided by school. No pencil cases or other equipment from home should be brought in as this often causes problems if items get broken or lost and can act as a distraction for some children.

### Snacks:

The children are provided with a healthy snack daily although they are welcome to bring in a healthy snack from home. (Fruit/vegetables/cheese)

### Mornings:

At the start of the day please drop your child at the outside door to the classroom between 8.40am and 8.55 am with their bags, coats and anything else they need for the day. One of us will be available at the door to answer any questions or queries you may have. A teacher or a TA will be available in the cloakroom area to help the children find their pegs etc. Please note there is no need to change shoes. The children will be expected to put their coat, lunchbox, water bottle and book bag away independently and then make their way to the carpeted area, where there will be a morning activity for them to be getting on with.

### End of the Day (3:15):

At the end of the day we will allow the children out to you one at a time. Please wait by the outside door (white railings Starling class only)

## A MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS

We are very excited about getting to know our new classes and learning all about our Wonderful World.

We are happy to speak to you about any concerns you may have, but please do remember that the beginning of the day is more difficult as we are settling the children into class. Please book an appointment via the office for an after school slot.