**Phonics and Reading offer for Starlings class 2025/2026**

**Sound awareness and exploring sounds**

**Environmental sounds both inside and outside**

Rain bouncing on the roof and puddles, splashing water in the hydro pool, ponies trotting across the playground, birds singing, vehicles passing.

**Instrument sounds**

Listening to others playing musical instruments and exploring instruments for ourselves.

**Making sounds with our voices and bodies**

**Rhythm, rhyme and alliteration**

Favourite songs and rhymes, stories with a strong rhythm and/or repetition e.g. Brown Bear, Dear Zoo. Beating out rhythm on instruments.

**Exploring reactive materials**

Bubble wrap, space blankets, crinkly card.

**Voice sounds**

Adults to model sound voices e.g. ‘weee’ when you push an object down a ramp.

**Stories, Songs and Rhymes**

**Looking at books**

Exploring, touching, turning pages, lifting flaps, listening to sounds using quality board books.

**Sharing books with adults and reading buddies (independent readers from other classes in school)**

Sharing fiction and non-fiction books, linked to our topic theme e.g. Autumn.

**Sensory stories, songs, poems and rhymes**

Often linked to our topic theme for the half term using a variety of multi-sensory resources and props including tactile, auditory and visual feedback.

**Computer based literacy experiences**

Selecting favourite stories using symbols and switches, page turning using a switch, switch-based story building activities.

**Symbolic Understanding**

**Developing symbolic understanding using objects of reference, photographs, pictures and symbols**

**Communicating**

Saying hello, goodbye, more, finished etc using symbols on a variety of SALT devices- big Macs, go talks etc.

**Making choices using objects of reference, photographs, pictures and symbols.**

**Project Core**

Modelling of core symbol vocabulary across the curriculum.

**Activities and Sessions**

**Environmental sound walks**

**Community walks**

**Library visits**

**Storytime**

**Songtime**

**Music with Beth**

**Sensory stories**

**1:1 time with reading buddy.**

**ICT games and programmes – Clicker, bookcreator.com.**