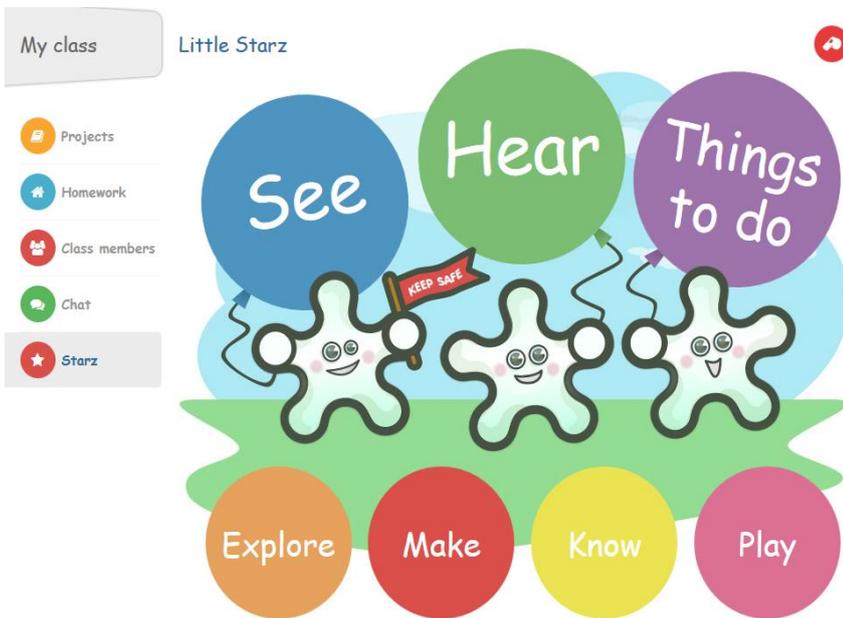


Making the best use of your Primary Learning Platform in Early Years

We have always recognised that the Starz+ Primary Learning Platform would require different uses across a primary school.

Little Starz for Nursery and Foundation

is not designed for children to use on their own but with parents at home and with adults in the nursery, setting or in school.



- Accounts therefore would be given to parents
- This access (as opposed to parent accounts) would give parents and practitioners a shared online space to support children's learning
- Access to shared activities provided centrally by the Starz Team
- A customised online space with specific membership
- 2-way sharing and communication if desired
- A 'window' to home activities

Consider:

Would this be useful for some of your families?

Would it be a good starting point for the class page?

What would be the barriers for you/your families? How could you overcome these?



We're Going on a Bear Hunt



The Three Little Pigs



Atlantic Forest Webcam



Transition to Starz Primary Learning Platform

In year 1 we would suggest you develop a planned approach to the Starz+ primary learning platform.

Develop a class area and create links to some familiar and some new online activities that meet current objectives.

Use the class space together during the school day:

- to demonstrate how to log on (don't share details!)
- model writing by keeping a class blog
- invite comments from parents about the blog to read out to the children
- audio/Video record whole class activities
- keep a class calendar – record the weather....
- learn the basics by communicating with another class using the mail messaging system
- start a class collection of work

When you are ready introduce Starz+ to groups of children.

Give the children specific tasks to do:

- personalise their space by adding a profile image
- message a friend
- start a blog message
- participate in a discussion forum about something topical
- explore the Little Starz activities independently

Dragon Blog

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In the books and film 'How to Train your Dragon', the hero (Hiccup) makes friends with the dragons and teaches everyone else how to be friends too. By the end of the film, the people and dragons live peacefully together.



Imagine you lived in Berk, Hiccup's home. One morning you wake up to find the best surprise EVER! Your mum and dad have got you your own pet dragon! The only problem is, it hasn't hatched yet!

In your blog, write about what happens when your egg hatches. Think about:

- What does your dragon look like?
- What sounds does it make?
- What does it smell of?
- What does it feel like to touch?
- Does it have any special abilities?

Remember to include all of the things you have been learning about when you write in your books including full stops and capital letters!

Think about what you would want to do next?

How would you build in some e-safety messages?

How would you share this new environment with parents?

How would you maintain children's motivation to continue using Starz+?

How will you record this in your teaching and learning plans?

Make some notes below: