

AK Star Challenge

Why?

- ★ All children need to make progress
- ★ Progress is measured in data tracking, books and by lesson observations- it needs to be more visible
- ★ Our children need a thirst for learning (all groups) and be up for the challenge. They need to have outstanding learning behaviours which includes being able to challenge themselves and take secure risks.
- We need to broaden all of our children's learning, provide investigations and problems and challenge our more able & Gifted and Talented pupils
- Introducing the star challenge:
- ★ The star challenge is an individual system for AK which is embedded within our school vision, values and ethos.
- ★ SHINE BRIGHT*REACH FOR THE STARS is our school motto

Purpose

- ★ To enable all of our children to make visible progress within each lesson
- ★ To empower the children with the decision to independently challenge themselves
- ★ To show visible challenge within our books over time
- ★ To un-cap the learning potential for our children by providing progressive challenges rather than caped group tasks
- ★ To develop a sense of challenge across the whole school
- ★ To raise standards by providing quality challenge in every lesson
- Accessible to all children- actual stars used for EYFS, Year 1 and SEND and sense of challenge modelled and scaffolded to begin with

The AK Star Challenge

Challenge level Maths	Progressive task
	Recall multiplication facts up to 10 x 10 and the corresponding division facts
* *	Multiply pairs of multiples of 10 and 100, and derive quickly corresponding division facts.
$\star \star \star$	Multiply two digit numbers by 1 digit
WOW	Apply above within a word problem/ independent investigation- Nrich etc.

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Challenge level English	Progressive task Isolated and within writing
	Use commas when I drop in information e.g. about a person or event.
*	Use speech marks with correct punctuation.
\Rightarrow	Begin a sentence with a subordinate clause, using a comma correctly.
WOW	I regularly use a range of other punctuation marks e.g. semi colon, colon, brackets, ellipses as appropriate.

Team AK Whole School Star Challenge

- ★ The star challenge is embedded within our school and can be found everywhere
- ★ Office- 3 star questions for stampers
- Star stickers as rewards
- ★ In motto & vision statement
- On school board and headed letters & all logo
- On school uniform
- ★ Display by hall to develop & explore with children

- ★ Poster in every classroom
- ★ All of our pupils can talk about the star challenge and what it means for them
- ★ Used on home learning brochures
- In staff and governor minutes from meetings
- One star- question asked
- Two star- something which requires an action
- Three star- something that affects a policy/ system/ working group



What the AK pupils say about the star challenge

- Year R: 'I like to do the Wow it makes me feel excited and happy' 'The stars give me a chance to do harder things' "I am always ready to do a star challenge' 'I do 1 star and now I try 2 star it feels special'
- Year 2: 'We can choose as a learner what we want to do' 'I like to have the chance to push myself' "I feel safe because I can try and then go back, go over and try again so that I can get the harder task'
- ★ Year 4: 'It helps increase my confidence because I can make the decision where I start and when I push on', 'I am trying things I never could do before', 'I am working towards my own goals and competing with and challenging myself'
- Year 5: 'I feel proud when I move along the stars', 'I feel more motivated and more aware of where I am going as a learner', 'The teacher used to check I am on the right star for me, now I am confident with this', 'It values different learning levels and gives you more freedom with your learner rather than working at the same level as the group'





