

Dear Families

It has been another busy week in school with all of the children settling beautifully into their classes and some fabulous learning happening. I've been particularly impressed to see the children so engaged in their reading lessons, from learning new sounds in Reception to analysing a poem by Robert Louis Stevenson in Miss Ball's class. All of our children are read stories by their teachers regularly too. Ask your child which book they are reading at the moment and see if they can tell you all about it.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Miss Garside

Interim Headteacher

In School This Week.....

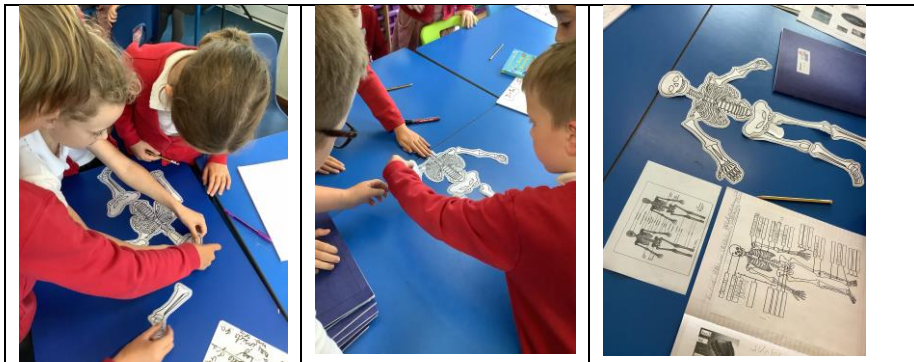
This week in Little Stars we have been using the trim trail to develop our gross motor skills and Reception have been using magnetic letters to blend CVC words.



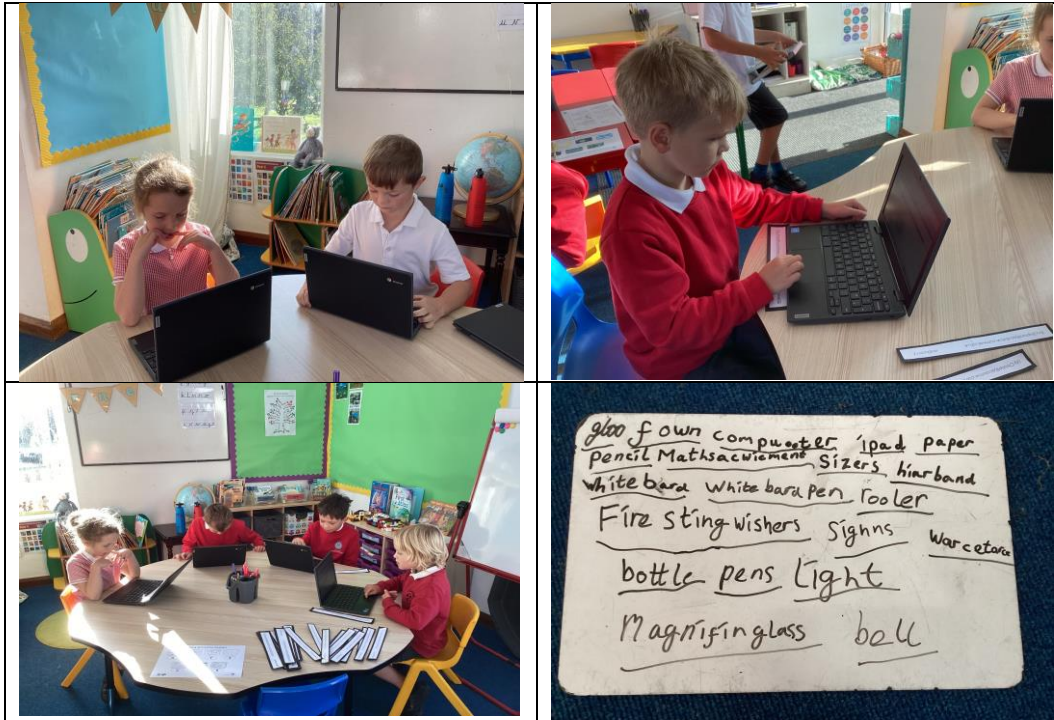
In Science in Neptune Class we have been exploring how light travels and how we can make it get from the light source to the 'eye'.



As scientists in Saturn we have been exploring our Amazing Body, we have been focusing this week on our skeleton. We explored the big question, 'what would happen if we didn't have a skeleton?', investigated it using gloves (our skin) and sticks (our bones). We have also been looking at learning the scientific vocabulary for some of our bones.



The children in Mercury class have been busy learning all about technology around us. They have enjoyed carrying out a technology hunt in our classroom for anything created by humans to help us. We have looked in more detail at the main parts of desk-top and lap top computers and enjoyed learning some drag and drop skills using a mouse and touchpad. In maths the year one children have been learning about counting forward and backwards on a number line and the year 2 children have been busy partitioning numbers using a part whole model. As artists we have been busy drawing Bude landscapes in the style of Brian Pollard.



Visitors

This week the school has had visits from our Trust Catering Lead, Nic Carter, to support Mrs Wilton in the kitchen with serving the delicious lunches. Emma Bone, the Deputy CEO also visited to meet with myself and check in with the staff. The older children were introduced to Miss Watson who is our Trust English Lead. Miss Watson worked with teachers last year and will be visiting regularly, starting on Monday, to develop the quality of Reading, handwriting and writing composition in the school.

Miss McCarten was visited by our English hub specialist to focus on the teaching of phonics of the school. This helps us to ensure that the quality of phonics teaching in the school is excellent and children are assessed and supported correctly to become early reader.

In addition to these visitors from the Trust, we have had some visits to complete and sign off building work and the Computeam technicians to smooth out some IT issues.

Teacher Absence

Next week Miss McCarten and Miss Ball will be absent on Wednesday to attend the Trust Induction day. Their classes will be covered by Miss Finch (Little Stars) and Miss Gowling (Neptune Class)

Mrs Rees will be absent on Thursday, her class will be covered by Mrs Brewster.

Attendance

The school has received a huge amount of holiday requests already this term. Holiday requests in term time will not be authorised.



Census Day Menu Competition

Thank you for all the delicious sounding menu entries which were sent in. We have had a tough time deciding on the winner. After much deliberation the winner has been selected and will be announced in our celebration assembly on Monday. This menu will be entered into the Trust wide competition to see whose menu will be cooked on census day.