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Dear Families

Christmas has truly arrived this week, not only has there been festive singing, but the younger children have also been in the hall practising their nativity. It is wonderful to see their concentration and confidence as they deliver their lines. I'm sure many of you have the songs ringing in your heads too! We can't wait to start to get the Christmas Trees up next week!

We continue our focus on reading in school, not only are the children having a daily reading or phonics lesson, they are also having regular opportunities to read for pleasure in class or talk about the books they have read. It is important that children hear book recommendations from others to encourage them to try different authors and genres. To support reading at home, we will be holding Reading Workshops for parents in the next couple of weeks. These workshops will support parents to know how to support phonics and early reading at home for EYFS and KS1 parents and to know how to support independent reading for KS2 parents. We hope that lots of parents are able to join us for these sessions.

KS2 – Monday 4th December at 3.30pm

KS1 – Monday 11th December at 3.30pm

Have a lovely weekend

Lesa Garside

Interim Head

Wild Tribe Sessions



We are thrilled to start our Wild Tribe sessions next week. Please see Dojo for more details about what the children need to wear and the days for each class.

Christmas Decorations

We are looking forward to seeing all of the wonderful entries for our Christmas Decoration competition on Monday. Please ensure that the entries have the child's name attached if possible. We will announce winners later in the week.

Pantomime

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FLOURISHING FUTURES



A reminder that Children from Reception to Year 6 have the opportunity to go to the pantomime in Plymouth in January (5th). Please ensure that you pay online for the ticket. Trips can only go ahead if there are enough voluntary donations from parents. Details about trip timings/what the children will need to bring, will be sent out before the end of term.

In School This Week

In Little Stars this week, we have been learning all about Road Safety for National Road Safety week. We have talked about the different crossing we've used, practiced crossing the road safety and the steps needed.

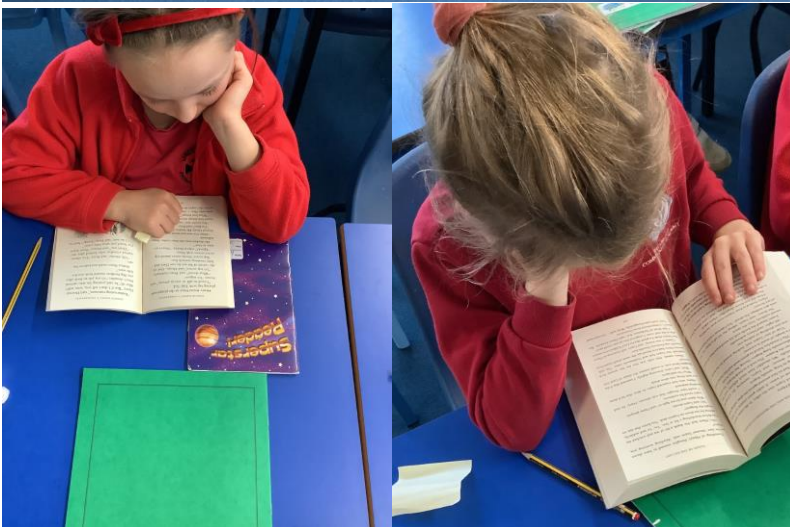


In Maths this week, Mercury class have started exploring shape. They have been learning the names of 2D and 3D shapes, counting sides and vertices and discovering what shapes they can stack and roll. The children have enjoyed making pictures and patterns using 2D shapes and everyone has enjoyed drawing around shapes to create some interesting pictures and patterns. The children have been exploring the school

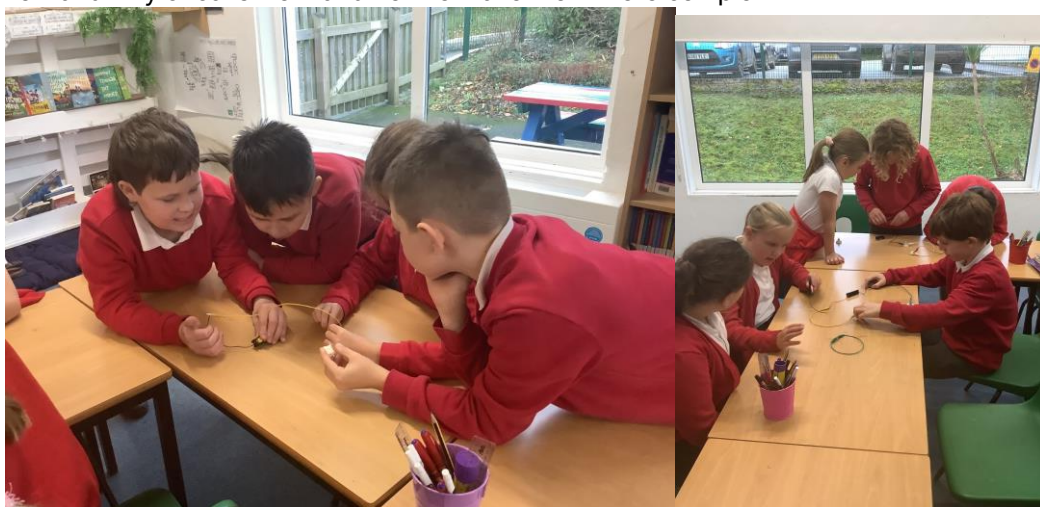
and grounds on a shape hunt and recording their findings using a tally chart. We have also started our Nativity practice this week which is very exciting.



In Saturn this week, we have been thoroughly enjoying our reading, we are enjoying both our DERIC text 'Blossom' by Laura Dockrill and 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons' by Andy Shepherd. As well as this we have been enthusiastic about our reading for pleasure time in class and have loved making ourselves comfy while tucking into our books. In Science we have learnt about the digestive system and in English we are now planning our final piece of narrative writing.



In science in Neptune Class, we have moved onto electricity! We spent our first lesson exploring the basic components of a circuit and seeing if we could make them work. We will spend the next few lessons exploring how and why circuits work and how to make them more complex.'



Christmas Dates

We have set the following dates for our Christmas celebrations.

Thurs 7 th December	KS1 Trip
Monday 11 th December (pm)	EYFS/KS1 Nativity to parents
Tuesday 12 th December (am)	EYFS/KS1 Nativity to parents
Wednesday 13 th December	School Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Jumper day and Party Games afternoon
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Craft Day
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas Sing-a-long @1.45pm (Parents invited)
Tuesday 19 th December	Last day of term

