



Newsletter 7

Dear Families

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term and what a week it has been! On Monday, all of the staff had a training day before welcoming the children back on Tuesday. Thank you for all keeping our children safe by using the front entrance in the mornings. This seems to be going smoothly and all of the children have settled really quickly back into their learning.

The unexpected 'storm day' on Thursday was a bump in the road which we didn't expect but we are glad that everyone managed to stay safe. Hopefully all of your homes are still in one piece too? Fingers crossed that the weather behaves for the run up to Christmas and all of the exciting things which are happening in school.

Part of our training on Monday was about the importance of reading. Reading opens to the door to the curriculum for our children and is the reason that we place such high importance on phonics in EYFS and Key Stage 1. However, it is also important that the children can read fluently and develop a love of reading. We ask that ALL children read at home with an adult at least 3 times a week and we have also now planned reading for pleasure times into the school day. Excitingly, we are awaiting an order of over £1000 of new books for the children which should arrive soon.

Have a wonderful weekend

Lesa Garside

Interim Head

In School This Week.....

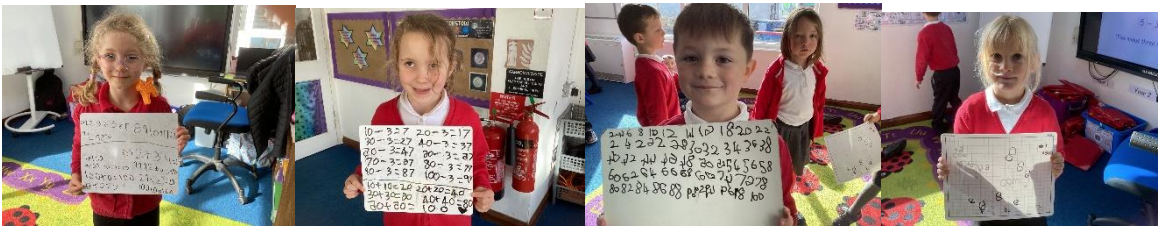
This week in Little Stars we have been practising our pencil grip and colouring skills with Spider masks from the Nursery Rhyme of the week 'Indy Wincy Spider'. We have also been exploring the books we have in our ERIC (Everyone Reading In Class) time.



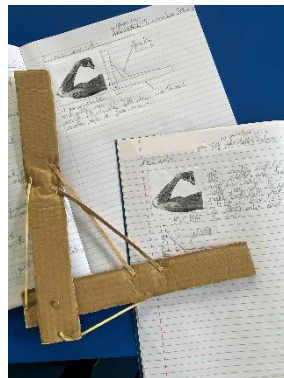
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FLOURISHING FUTURES

The children in Mercury Class have started learning about subtraction in maths this week. The year two children have been looking at subtracting a one-digit number from a ten. The year 1 children have been looking at part whole models and gaining an understanding of taking away one part from a whole to leave the other part. We try to do this with counters so we can see it visually before using numbers. The children complete some questions on white boards before starting work in their books. We are all learning to count in 2, 5, and 10's this year we try to practice our counting skills everyday. Lots of amazing number work. Well done Mercury class.



In Saturn this week we have been continuing our maths learning on addition and subtraction and we have started our new English unit of writing a narrative to entertain. In our Science this week we have been looking at muscles, why they are important, how they work and where they are in our body. Ask Saturn what they know about our body so far.



Neptune have started a new text called 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll. We have enjoyed reading the beginning in partners and practicing our fluency and expression when reading





Poppies for Remembrance Day

The children will have an opportunity to purchase poppies for Remembrance day next week. The Year 6 children will take them to the classes to sell. We suggest a minimum donation of 20p for a poppy and £1 for one of the other items i.e. keyrings or bracelets.

NSPCC Sessions

Years 2, 5 and 6 enjoyed their sessions with the NSPCC on Tuesday and explored lots of ways in which they could keep themselves safe. The children had impeccable behaviour and came up with some really fab answers and ideas.

SENDCO Drop In Sessions

Our SENDCO, Mr Thorne, will be offering drop in sessions for parents on the following dates between 1pm and 3pm. Let Mrs Maloney in the office know that you would like an appointment. If you are unable to be at school, a telephone call can be arranged

Friday 10th November

Friday 17th November

Friday 24th November

Parent Volunteers

We have had lots of enquiries about parents wanting to volunteer in school. There is a process which we need to go through to enable this to happen.

1. Parent contacts the office to offer volunteering services (at this time we would ask that you are able to commit to a regular time each week in the afternoons, we are not able to use volunteers in the mornings at present)
2. Following this offer to commit to a regular time, Miss Garside will complete a volunteer risk assessment
3. Mrs Maloney will ask the parent to complete the application form, Childcare Declaration Disqualification (CDD) and the volunteer agreement
4. The volunteer is asked to bring these 3 forms along with 3 forms of identity to the school office. Mrs Maloney will scan them over to the People team
5. The People team will ask the volunteer to complete the DBS process and their safeguarding training. They will reach out for references
6. Once everything has been completed/received, the volunteer will be informed that they are now allowed to volunteer
7. On the first volunteering session, Miss Garside will complete an induction checklist with the volunteer.



Whilst this may feel like a lengthy process, it is imperative to ensure that our children are kept safe at all times. If you would like to offer your services, please contact Mrs Maloney who will start to get the ball rolling.

Christmas Dates

We have set the following dates for our Christmas celebrations. Any additional events will be shared as soon as possible.

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	Last day of term