



## Newsletter 9

Dear Families

This week has had lots of exciting things going on in school. Not only has Christmas started to arrive with lots of wonderful singing, but there has also been Children in Need day, photos and a sponsored run for Little Stars and Mercury!

We have continued to have a focus on reading in school this week and it has been pleasing to see so many children enjoying books and reading. Neptune class have been diving into the new books that have been purchased and Little stars have been enjoying their re-organised book corner. Please do read regularly at home with your children. Whilst we encourage children to read aloud to you, it is also beneficial for children to be read to and just enjoy listening to a book. We have our Book Fair at school next week if you are in need of new reading materials or inspiration for new authors!

Enjoy the weekend!

Lesa Garside

Interim Head

## Christmas Decoration Competition



It is almost time in school to break out the Christmas trees and make the building look really festive. To help us with this we would like the children to create and make decorations for our trees. We would like the children to be as creative as possible. There will be winners from each class. Please bring the decorations, named, in to school by Monday 27th November for judging!

## Behaviour and Rewards

This week in school we have reviewed. The behaviour system which we use in school with the children to ensure that the children have clarity on our expectations and that it is applied consistently throughout the school. In line with this, we are also reviewing our rewards. The School Council had some fabulous ideas which we are finalising and will share soon. Please see the separate communication for more information about the behaviour system shared with children this week.

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## FLOURISHING FUTURES

## In School This Week

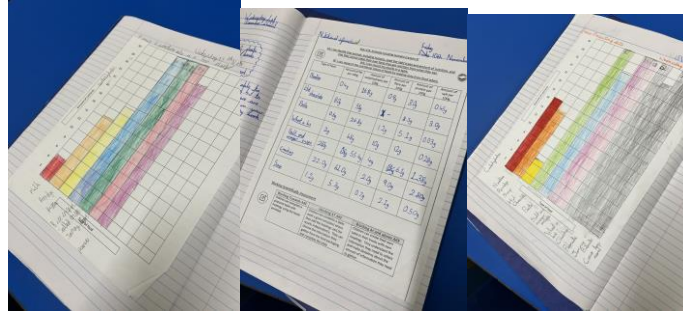
We have been very busy in Little Stars this week! We have learnt about Diwali, made our own playdough diva lamps, rangoli patterns with pegs and even written our own Diwali cards. We have also been busy singing our Nativity songs and enjoying all things Pudsey today!



Wow! It has been a busy week in Mercury class this week. We wore odd socks on Monday to support anti bullying week and celebrate our differences. On Tuesday we completed our sponsored run around the school grounds raising lots of money for our Christmas train trip. The children all ran with enthusiasm and looked out for each other along the way which was lovely to see. On Wednesday we started to think about Christmas in RE and collected images in our books of the signs of Christmas we have already spotted in our homes and out and about. On Thursday we had an anti bullying assembly to raise awareness of what children should do if they ever feel they are being bullied. Today we are raising money for children in need by wearing home clothes with a spotty or yellow theme. Thank you to all the adults for your support and donations this week. We are extremely grateful for your kindness.



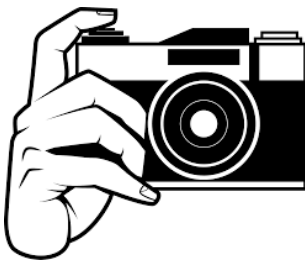
In Saturn, as scientists we have been working scientifically presenting data in a bar chart. We looked at the nutritional information of a range of food, collected this in a table and have presented the data in a bar chart. It has been interesting looking at the content of things we eat daily or weekly. In English we are enjoying our sentence stacking and are building our own narratives inspired by the beautiful text the princess and the pea.



In Saturn we have been fortunate enough to have lots of new books purchased for the school! To introduce these to the children, in Neptune we carried out a 'Blind Date with a Book!' Miss Ball wrapped up lots of books in brown paper and only wrote quotes and very short descriptions giving clues to the stories inside. We explored these and made a note of our three favourites and why they intrigued us. We can't wait to unwrap them and get our teeth stuck into new and exciting stories!



## Photos



Thank you to Miss Wilton for organising individual and sibling photos for all of our children this week. The children were amazing models and we know that you are going to be thrilled with the outcomes!

## PTA – Friends of Jacobstow School

I am thrilled to share that Jacobstow now has a PTA! Thank you so much to the parents who have been busily beavering away behind the scenes to set this up, ensuring that the correct systems and processes are followed. We had a great first meeting on Thursday and there are lots of exciting plans afoot. More details to follow soon.

## Book Fair



## It's Book Fair Time!



Our Book Fair Has Arrived – Books will be on display in the hall for parents to look at on Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd November 8:30-9am & 2:30-3:30pm

Once again this year, we only have two copies of each book - we can sell one and keep one to show to other prospective purchasers! Therefore, there will be availability to order and pay online and then books will be sent on to you.

The children will have a chance to look at the books and may come home with a 'wish list', you are under no obligation to buy any books. If your child has identified a book they would like you to buy, and you are happy to do so - there is no need for you to come into school, you can use this link to order and pay. <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay/1244746> Scholastic will then give you a reference number to write on the wish list and return to school so that we can match orders with deliveries.

Alternatively, if you do come into school you can scan the QR code which is unique to our school and order and pay that way. No cash thank you.

All book sales help contribute towards our overall total this then equates to Free books for the school. Please help support our school if you can. Any orders must be completed by 27/11/2023 at 12noon for them to be linked to our school total.

Any questions, please just ask and we will try and help.

### **Pantomime**

A reminder that children in Years R – 6 will be going to see the Pantomime in Plymouth on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January. The Nursery will close at lunchtime on this day to allow the trip to be staffed adequately. More details about the trip, including leaving and return times to follow later in the term.

### **SENDCO and Family Support Worker**

A reminder that we are fortunate to have the support of Mr Thorne, as SENDCO on a Thursday and Friday and Mrs Ellerington, as Family Support Worker on a Wednesday and Thursday. They can be contacted through the school office.

### **Christmas Dates**

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> December

KS1 Trip



Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December (pm)	EYFS/KS1 Nativity to parents
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December (am)	EYFS/KS1 Nativity to parents
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper day and Party Games afternoon
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Craft Day
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Disco
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	1.45pm Christmas Sing-a-long – Parents invited
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	First Day of Term
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Pantomime for Years R - 6