

9th February 2024



Dear Families

As we break up for half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children for their hard work and effort so far this term. I always pop in and out of classrooms throughout the day and it is always a joy to see the children's learning. However, the past couple of weeks I have been blown away by the engagement of children in their learning and their learning behaviours. So, well done children, you really deserve this break!

This week, I have also hosted my headteacher tea party with children selected by their teachers as displaying exemplary learning behaviours in the classroom. Well done to George and Delilah (Little Stars), Jory and Emma (Mercury), Rowan and Toby (Saturn) and Bobby and William (Neptune) who all joined me on Thursday afternoon for some yummy treats.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term. I look forward to seeing all of the children on the 19th February.

Best Wishes

Lesa Garside

Interim Head

Dojo Point Winners

Today Mr Thorne hosted our half termly Dojo point winners – Enterprise (Green) Team. They were treated to hot chocolate with marshmallows and cream! We think they enjoyed it!

Teacher Club

There will be no after school club on Wednesday 21st February (first week after half term) as all staff have training at another site. It will resume the following week.

Dates For Your Diaries

Friday 1st March

4th & 6th March

Thursday 7th March

Friday 15th March

Wed 27th March

Little Stars and Mercury Trip to Rosemoor

Parent Consultations

World Book Day

Red Nose Day

Last Day of Spring Term

Tuesday 16th April
Tuesday 23rd April
Tuesday 30th April
Tuesday 7th May
Tuesday 21st May
Tuesday 4th May
Thursday 20th June

1st Day of Summer Term
Mercury Beach School Day
Saturn visit to Marhamchurch – Arts Day
Little Stars Beach School Day
Neptune Beach School Day
Saturn Beach School Day
Sports Day

Attendance

SEND and Inclusion

This week we had Safer Internet Day. The children have been looking at how to use the internet safely and productively as a tool for positive change.

I wanted to share a few links around screen time, using the internet safely and the impact that screens can have on children's development.

Please take the time to use the links below which have a range of useful guidance and information the impact of screen time for children, how to keep children safe, support for parents in how to manage screen time and some specific advice for SEND children.

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/health/screen-time-long-term-impact-childrens-brains-study-b1121006.html>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-families-children-with-send/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/parents>



Exciting News – Cookery Club!

A few weeks ago, Mrs Rees applied for some funding from the Cornish Pasty Association to enable us to buy equipment and ingredients to set up an after-school cookery club. We are extremely pleased to say that our request has been approved. We now have funds to purchase cookery equipment and will have some funds left over for ingredients. Mrs Rees plans to have a cookery club up and running in time for the summer term. Watch this space for more information.

In School This Week.....

Little Stars

We have had a very exciting week! We've had frogspawn delivered which we can see is starting to wiggle, lots of challenges to help us practice our cutting skills, understanding the number 5 as well as letter formation and fine motor skills. To finish the half term we have had a visit from Bude Fire and rescue service, they allowed us to dress up like fire fighters, explore the fire engine as well as shooting water using the hose.



Mercury

We have had another busy week in Mercury. As mathematicians the year two children have enjoyed learning their two times tables and have been multiplying and dividing by two. The year one children have been learning how to find the difference between two numbers as well as subtracting using a number line. As artists the children completed their animal sculptures this week using scrap materials in the style of James Wild. We had a huge variety of animals and sea creatures that all looked amazing. Linking to our PSHE learning we have had a visit from the Fire Brigade today helping us better understand how people in our community help us.



Saturn

We have had a very busy week in Saturn. This week as communicators we have been writing to persuade, producing a letter inviting our chosen author into school. As artists we have been very lucky to have the experience of meeting and working with local artist Sue Read!

We got to see lots of her artwork, both pieces she is currently working on and some pieces from her sketchbook. Sue modelled how she would start a painting, using the same resources we will be using to create our final artwork and then we had a go using her tips, tricks and techniques.

It was amazing to see the children's confidence in painting their work today and their realisation that they are ALL artists!



Neptune

We have had a very exciting and fun filled end to the half-term! We have spent this week using the persuasive techniques we have developed to create inspirational speeches trying to motivate people to do our favourite hobby. The children have used some very thought-provoking rhetorical questions and very inspiring similes. In Science we have been exploring how organisms have adapted to suit their environment best. Yesterday, we were fortunate enough to have Sue Read, the amazing and talented local artist, come in to show us the process of creating her artwork. She explained how she finds inspiration, uses the weather and her emotions together with her vision to then create beautiful sea and landscapes. We felt very lucky to be able to see first-hand such an incredible artist at work!

