Reynalds Cross School newsletter

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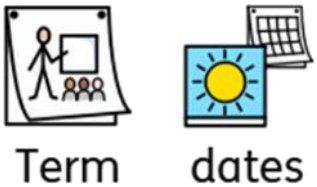


TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2023

Spring 2023

TRAINING DAY: Friday 17th February 2023

Half Term: Mon 20th—Fri 24th February 2023

Term Ends: Friday 31st March 2023

SUMMER 2023

Term Starts Mon 17th April 2023

MAY DAY: Monday 1st May

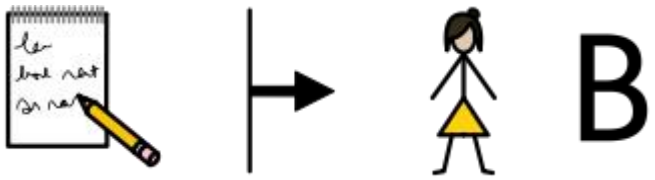
Half Term: Mon 29th May—Fri 2nd June 2023

TRAINING DAY: Monday 5th June 2023

Term Ends: Tuesday 25th July 2023

TRAINING DAYS (pupils not in school)

Message from Miss Brettell



This year has gone so fast, February already and half term is here.
The past 7 weeks have been busy as you will see when you read through the Newsletter.

Attendance Late arrival into school - As a school we have been focusing on those families that may struggle to get their child in on time. We are pleased to announce we have seen a significant improvement in lateness. Could we reiterate if you are struggling with your child's routines. Please speak with the school and they will be able to offer advice and support

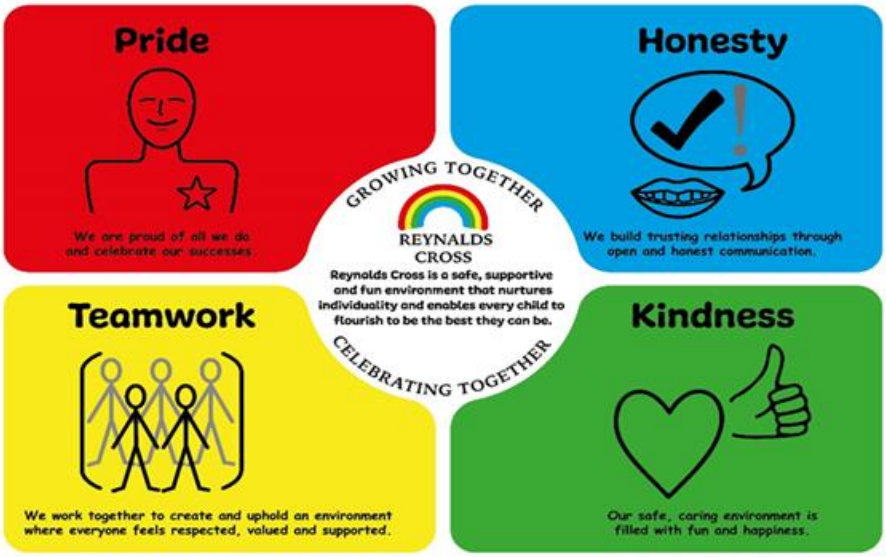
Vision and Values I am extremely proud to announce our new school vision and values. Please see below. Could I thank all staff, parents and pupils for their contribution. In celebrating our new values, we are hoping to hold a parent, pupil day in the Summer term to unveil more surprises.

Industrial Action Thank you to all those parents that volunteered for their child to remain at home during both nursing and teacher strikes. There are further teaching strikes to be announced. However, we will continue to operate as best we can during these times with as little disruption as possible. Please note, there is a proposed strike for the 1st, 15th and 16th March and we will communicate with yourselves closer to the time.

Goodbyes Unfortunately, we are saying goodbye to a few staff this term, Steve the site manager and Kate Payne. But also Glenn Baxter who has been part of the school since 2008. A huge thank you to Glenn for his support and commitment over the years. He will have worked with many pupils over his time here. I wish Glenn all the best in his retirement.

Last but not least! It is always a pleasure reading about what our pupils have participated in over the last few weeks. On behalf of the staff and governors we wish you a safe and happy half term and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 27th February.

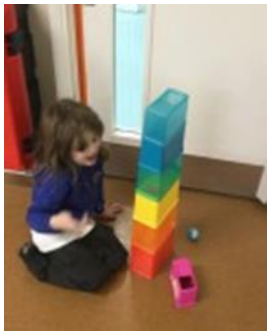
REYNALDS CROSS VISION AND VALUES



Shooting stars

This term, we have started our theme of 'Holidays'. The children have been busy exploring activities around a 'Winter' holiday theme. They enjoyed exploring the ice using different senses.

Then in recent Maths sessions, they have explored 'Big + Small' by sequencing blocks by size, + and making towers before knocking them down.



Sunshines

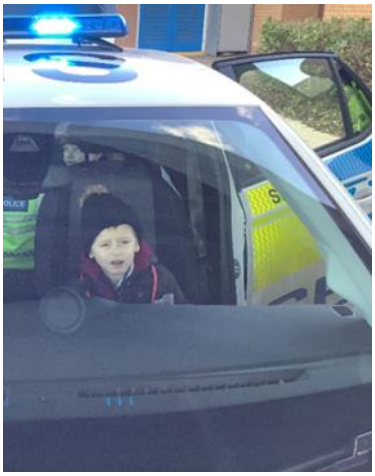
my world

science

This term in science pupils have been learning about and exploring ice, ice cream, snow, the sea, the sun and sand.

Learning about solid, liquids and gas. The focus in science has been for the pupils to explore using their senses.

Planets

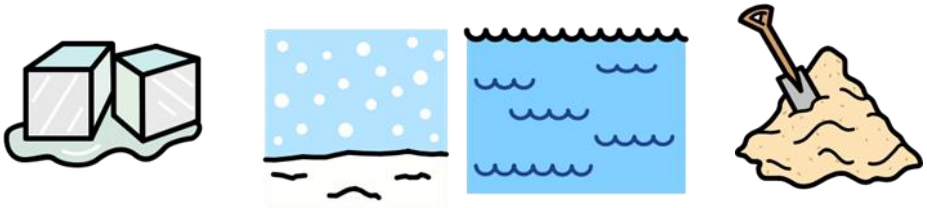


In My Future this half term, Planets class explored 'People who Help us'.
The pupils enjoyed dressing up as police officers, firefighters, doctors and nurses, before being visited at school by the police.
We really enjoyed sitting in the police car and seeing the flashing lights!

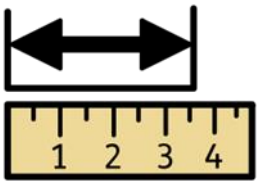
Rainbows

Rainbows class have been busy in our science lessons this half term.
We have had sensory explorations of materials relating to the environment.
We have looked at ice, snow, water and sand!

Pupils have frozen animals and dinosaurs into ice cubes, built sandcastles and poured water down different length tubes!
Well done, Rainbows!



Moonbeams



In 'My Learning' sessions Moonbeams have been exploring measurement.
We have listened to a story about Mavis the measurement monkey who goes on lots of different holidays.
So far she has been skiing, on a plane and on a cruise.
We have measured the size of snow balls and tracks in the snow, the length of our arms when we pretended to be planes and created big and small waves with a parachute.

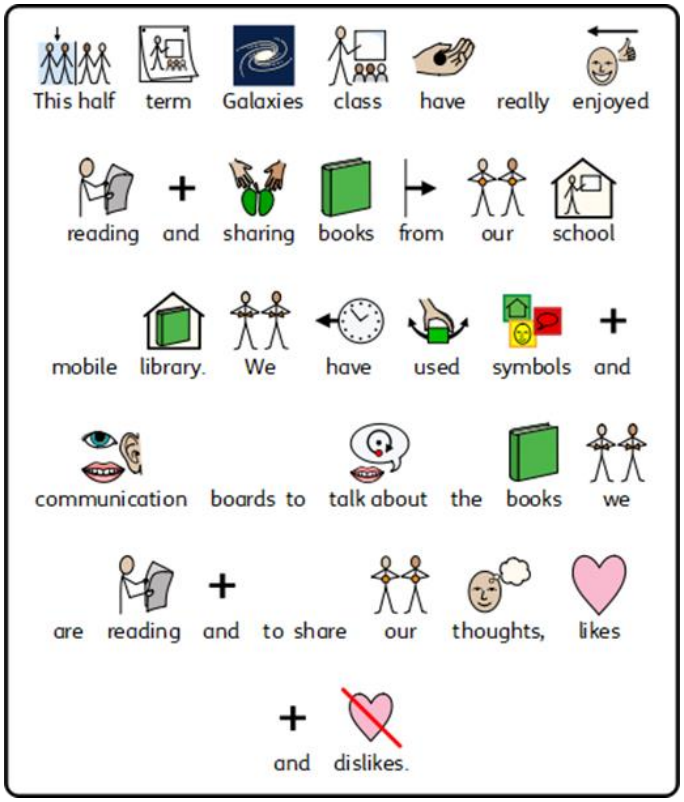
Rockets

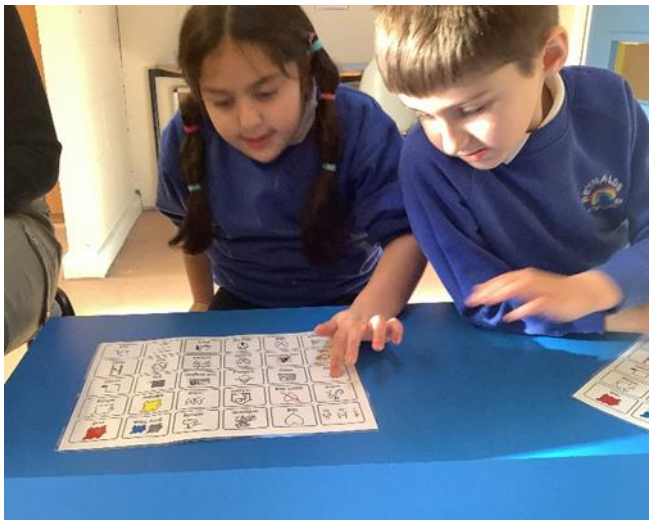
In Rockets class we have been looking at foods from different holiday destinations.
We have even had a go at making our own blueberry pies, pizza and heart shaped biscuits.
Our mini pizza's were yummy!

Comets

In the Spring term we learned about size, big and small, and tall and short. We took part in different activities. We matched big and small geometric shapes and objects

Galaxies

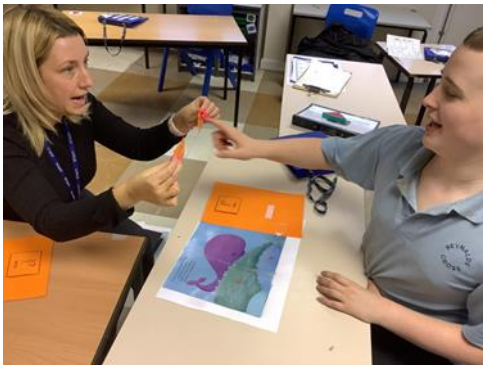

This half term Galaxies class have really enjoyed
reading + and sharing books from our school
mobile library. We have used symbols + and
communication boards to talk about the books we
are reading + and to share our thoughts, likes
+ and dislikes.



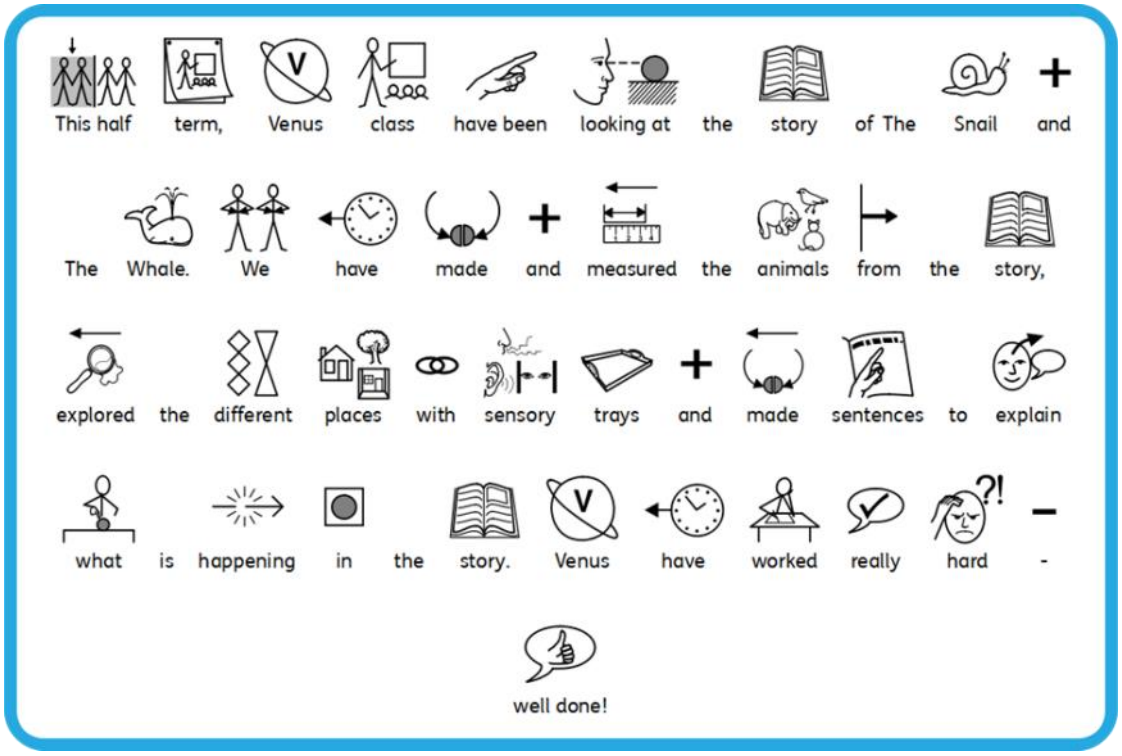
Mercury class

Mercury class have enjoyed this half term.
We all loved our story about Sidney the whale!
We have seen some lovely communication and independence from our pupils.

Enjoy half term break!

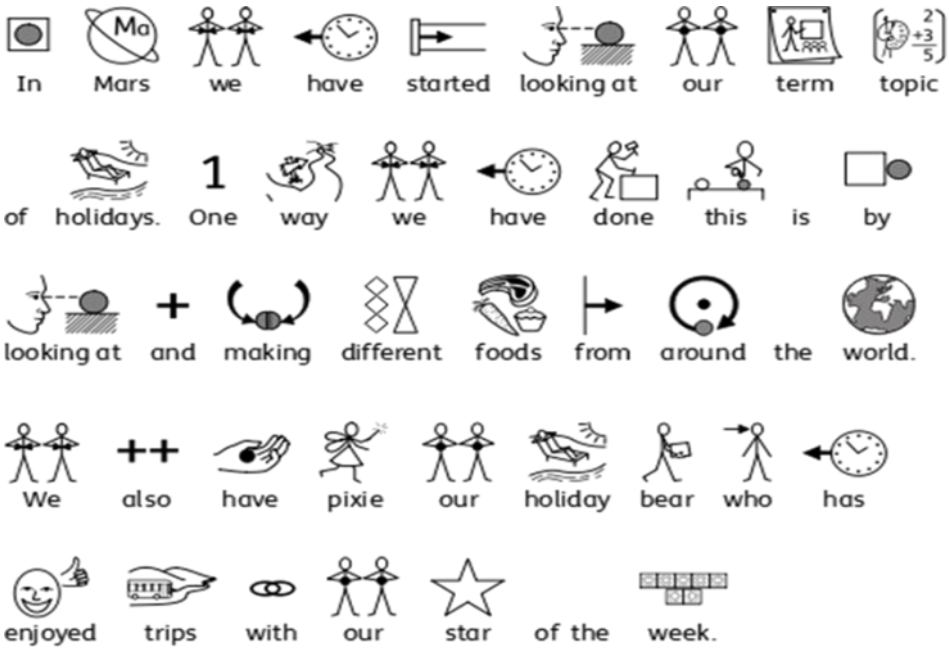


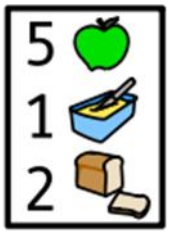
Venus


This half term, Venus class have been looking at the story of The Snail and
The Whale. We have made and measured the animals from the story,
explored the different places with sensory trays and made sentences to explain
what is happening in the story. Venus have worked really hard -
well done!

Ma

Mars

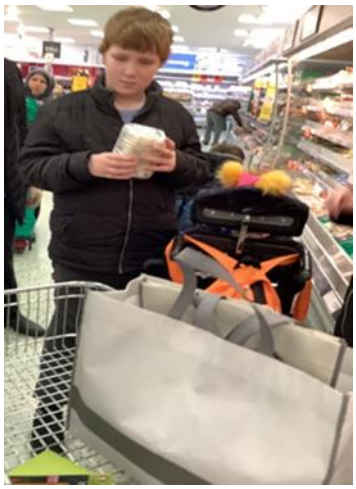

In Mars we have started looking at our term topic
of holidays. One way we have done this is by
looking at and making different foods from around the world.
We also have pixie our holiday bear who has
enjoyed trips with our star of the week.



In 'My Future' educational visits we have continued to focus on developing our life skills outside of the classroom.
Jupiter class were tasked with shopping for the morning snacks for the whole of the school.

We located all the items listed on our symbol shopping lists and put them in our trolley before going to the checkout.

Great work Jupiter!!



Saturn

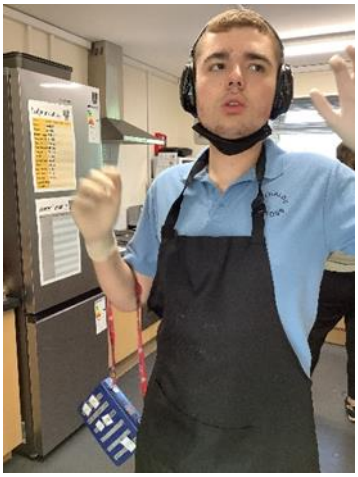
Saturn class were lucky to have the opportunity to visit the CBSO
music centre this term to listen to a relaxed performance of
Around the World in 80 Days. They had a fantastic
morning listening to lots of different instruments, singing and dancing.

Neptune

This half term Neptune class have been learning about safety signs in the community and the workplace. Everyone had a lot of fun choosing the correct safety equipment for different settings.

Adventurer

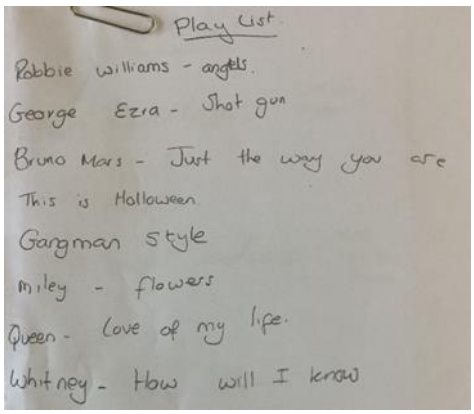
Adventurer have been making a healthy salad each
week. The pupils are increasing their independence with
chopping, grating and peeling. All these skills are
important for our life skill targets.



Voyager

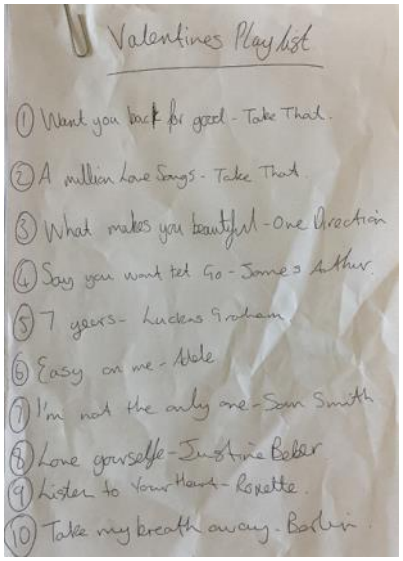
Voyager class have worked together to plan a special Valentines Day for Satellite Centre.

Students voted to make heart pizzas and biscuits, and planned a playlist for a disco.



Play List

Robbie williams - angels.
George Ezra - Shot gun
Bruno Mars - Just the way you are
This is Halloween
Gangnam style
miley - flowers
Queen - Love of my life.
Whitney - How will I know

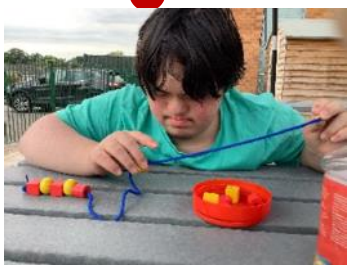


Valentines Playlist

1. Want you back for good - Take That.
2. A million Love Songs - Take That.
3. What makes you beautiful - One Direction
4. Say you won't let Go - James Arthur.
5. 7 years - Luckens Graham
6. Easy on me - Adele
7. I'm not the only one - Sam Smith
8. Love yourself - Justine Bieber
9. Listen to Your Heart - Roxette.
10. Take my breath away - Barbra

Year 10 – 14 students

ASDAN
Registered Centre



ASDAN Qualifications for age 14-19 Students

21 Students in 14 -19 stage (Years 10 – 14) are working hard towards ASDAN qualifications. Units of work are designed for students to develop and demonstrate skills whilst gaining credits within the national Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF).

We deliver three levels of qualification (Entry 1, Entry 2 or Entry 3) within three different qualifications:

- Personal Progress - Entry 1 (majority of our achievements)
- Personal and Social Development - Entry 2 or Entry 3
- Employability - Entry 2

Maths – Patterns and sequences

Maths work within Personal Progress Entry 1 qualification includes identifying and understanding aspects of a pattern or sequence. Students have had fun discovering different types of patterns, using brain power to think, sort and continue different sequences.

Family support update

It was lovely to see so many families attend our Family Support bouncy castle event.
There were lots of happy, smiley faces from the children and it was a great to see parents/carers having a chat with each other in a safe and welcoming environment.
Thank you all for coming

SAVE THE DATE
Family Support Easter Fun afternoon
Saturday 25th March
Look out for more information on dojo next term to book your place.

Anna, Janine and Hannah are always available if you need support.
You can contact us using the Family Support dojo or by contacting the school office.

CHAMPS

Children's Health and Mental Provision support

Children's Mental Health Week last week was enjoyed throughout school, with pupils taking part in different activities to support their Mental Health.
This included different songs and stories, positivity journals, having fun with happy bags, "how I shine" activities, and connections we can make within our classrooms and at home.

After half term we are going to continue with our different themes which this term is "being kind".

Matt and Katrina

Stars of Fame

06/01/2023

Moonbeams:
Henry for great interaction with peers and staff all week.

Sunshines:
Maxwell for fantastic listening and excellent communication, independently finding PECS symbols within his classroom environment and then finding a supporting adult to exchange with.

Mars:
Yusuf for having a really good week. He has accepted new changes with his transport and daily routine, he has also shown good listening and made good positive choices.

Venus:
Ibrahim for excellent communication using his PECS book.

Neptune:
Ben for fantastic independent writing work.

Saturn:
Georgi for excellent behaviour.

Adventurer:
Joe- for tidying equipment.
Sufyaan- for increased communication.

Stars of Fame

13/01/2023

Moonbeams- Ben for initiating interactions with his peers, excitedly gaining their attention.

Neptune- Chloe for excellent work in phonics.

Sunshines- Isla for trying really hard to calm herself down, communicating with supporting adults where and when she would like to be 'squeezed'.

Galaxies'- Ruby for her super participation and work in lessons. Well done, Ruby!

Saturn- Kaydon for being a super star at Reynalds Cross for 11 years. We wish him all the luck in the world for his new adventure down in Dorset.

Venus- Narayan for a lovely positive week.

Mars- Abhijan for showing increased engagement in his learning and has been trying really hard with his vocalisations.

Shooting Stars-
Marlee- for playing the beats of her name on a drum.
Alfie- for using a picture schedule to follow the class routine.
Mollie- for joining in with snack time- eating in school.

Voyager-
Hannah- for working hard and asking good questions at Solihull College.
James- for working hard at Solihull College.

Stars of Fame

20/01/2023

Shooting Stars-
Oliver- Great communication using Communication boards
Layla- Excellent effort towards her crawling skills
Ariella- Following routines using a visual schedule

Neptune- All are stars for their fantastic work with the author in the pop-up reading festival.

Sunshines- Lennox for having a fantastic week, trying really hard to learn the time, listening well to instructions from supporting adults, sharing motivators and partaking in activities, even when he didn't want to. Well done Lennox!

Saturn- Mustafa for being proactive with his job this week of getting the cutlery out for his friends.

Adventurer-
Sarah- for helping to make chocolate cracknell this week
Munjeevan– for using his stander for 15 minutes.

Voyager- Arthur for finishing all of his work on time and for good listening.

Venus- Ibrahim for making letters from playdough.

Stars of Fame

27/01/2023

Neptune- Callum B for fabulous work in his phonics group and joining in lots of different activities this week.

Mars- Mahira has been very sensible and engaged in learning when using her walker this week and has also done some good communicating during greeting routines using Makaton.

Rainbows- Ameer for using his arms to move his new chair.

Rockets- Zainab for great communication in the classroom.

Sunshines – Zachary for excellent communication, joining in with activities, singing and being very vocal. Well done Zach!

Stars of Fame

03/02/2023

Neptune- Neptune star is Ryan for trying really hard in phonics sessions this week.

Moonbeams- Rupa for her growing confidence in class and the wider school community. Rupa is keen to interact with everyone around her and is exploring new learning opportunities eagerly.

Adventurer-
Long- for great shopping.
Sarah- for trying hard in with her work.

Shooting Stars-
Olly- Touching new foods to lips.
Hunter- Great attitude to learning- using visual schedule
Ethan B- Positive attitude towards activities, and following some routines more independently.

Rockets-
Hamed for beginning to use I want to make different requests with support from adults.

Venus- Naryan for being very focused during story time.

Mars- Hasnian has been trying really hard to initiate communication.

Stars of Fame

10/02/2023

Comets- Dhruv for taking part in group activities and looking at symbols.

Neptune- Joshua has had an amazing week, been a fabulous friend and told a joke to the group to make them laugh!

Moonbeams- Louie for great efforts in his physio all week and trying hard in all lessons, eagerly participating in all areas.

Adventurer-
Genevieve- for joining in with Children's Mental Health Week activities.
Long- for being so neat and writing his friends names correctly.

Voyager-
Harry- for having a lovely time at Parkview Centre and being sensible whilst there.
James- for being very sensible whilst out in the community and working really hard at college.

Mercury - Nicole for always arriving with a positive attitude and a big smile.

Mars-
Sienna- for showing fantastic engagement and participation in movement activities relating to PE, our story and children's mental health week.
Mahira- has been awarded the Mental Health Champion of The Week, for her enthusiasm and engagement in the mental health week activities whilst using her physio equipment.

Rockets- Alfie for fantastic morning work, engaging in all activities and dancing in PE.

Sunshines- Daniyal for fantastic eating all week - well done Daniyal!

Stars of Fame

17/02/2023

Mercury- Hashim for a great communication session- excellent traveling to request for sand and sweets.

Neptune- All are stars for working so hard this half term.

Adventurer- All of our class have awards for taking part in bowling.

Comets- Georgie for making great artwork this week and using pen to sign his Valentine's card.

Mars- Olivia has engaged and participated in a number of different messy sensory activities this week.