

# Reynalds Cross School newsletter

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Term



dates

## **TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2024/25**

### **AUTUMN TERM 2024**

#### **TERM STARTS**

Monday 2nd September

#### **HALF TERM**

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November

#### **TERM ENDS**

Friday 20th December

### **SPRING TERM 2025**

#### **TERM STARTS**

Monday 6th January

#### **HALF TERM**

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February

#### **TERM ENDS**

Friday 11th April

### **SUMMER TERM 2025**

#### **TERM STARTS**

Monday 28th April

#### **HALF TERM**

Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May

#### **TERM ENDS**

Monday 21st July

### **TRAINING DAYS/PUPILS NOT IN SCHOOL**

Monday 2nd September 2024

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Friday 25th October 2024

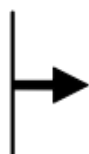
May Day – Monday 5th May 2025

Friday 11th April 2025

Monday 21st July 2025



# Message from Mrs Brettell



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Dear Parents and carers,

I cannot quite believe that we have reached the end of another year. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the whole of Reynalds Cross staff team. Every single one of them makes Reynalds Cross the amazing school it is, including SLT, teacher and support staff, governors, the office team and the site team, as well as our fabulous pupils and parents.

We are proud to share the most recent ofsted report which can be found on the link below. Thank you for your kind comments and working so hard to ensure such positive outcomes for all of our pupils;



<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50252948>

I would like to also thank all staff and parents that have supported us with all the events held over the year which has included numerous celebration events, Renny fun run, sports day and extra-curricular swimming and Football to name just a few.

It has been wonderful seeing pupils progress in all areas of the curriculum and enjoy enrichment activities that are new to the school.

In some exciting news we will be looking to roll out a Forest School programme in 24-25 to encourage more pupils to take advantage of the outdoors. Eco club has been a huge success over the year. Enrichment has taken place across the school where pupils have chosen a wealth of activities and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Pupils and staff are working hard in preparation for the forthcoming school year, and we are really looking forward to pupils settling into their new classes in September following a number of transition days and events.

It is always sad to say goodbye to members of staff but we are hoping this will be an au revoir rather than a goodbye. Jacqui Moore joined the school at the age of 17 as a learning support assistant, progressing to a qualified teacher in 2014. Jacqui has a passion for further education and life skills of students. She will continue this passion onto her next career in a college environment. During her time at Reynalds Cross School Jacqui has taken on several roles, the most recent and her most enjoyable is seeing pupils work therapeutically with animals and organising this



across school. I wish Jacqui all the best in her future role and I have no doubt she will be in touch soon with some partnership working.

Laura Matthews joined the school in 2020. Laura has secured a promotion at a nearby mainstream school which we wish her all the best in the future. I am sure Laura will also keep in touch.

I would like to wish you all a very enjoyable summer break and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday 4th September.



## Shooting stars

Shooting Stars have been learning about 3D shapes. Exploring balls in art, rolling them in paint in to make pictures. At the construction table we made towers and arrangements with cubes.

It was fun sharing our PE session with a football coach, we practiced skills including kicking and throwing balls towards a target and sharing.

Investigating the sensory food tray has been very popular. Using our hands and different tools, developing fine motor skills to explore

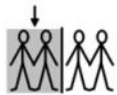




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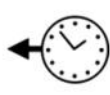
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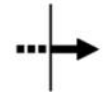
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# Planets

During our life skills session pupils have been working on tidying up. This has included wiping tables, sweeping and washing up. We even explored the vacuum cleaner briefly!





# Rainbows

Rainbows class have had a lovely half term. We had our families join us to celebrate My Special Events. We enjoyed CBSO visiting us and we had a lovely time on Renny day.





# Moonbeams



Moonbeams

have been



listening

to lots of different



instrument



sounds.



In phonics



we

have listened



to instruments



from different



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around the world.



In my communication



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have been using



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communication aids



to ask for more



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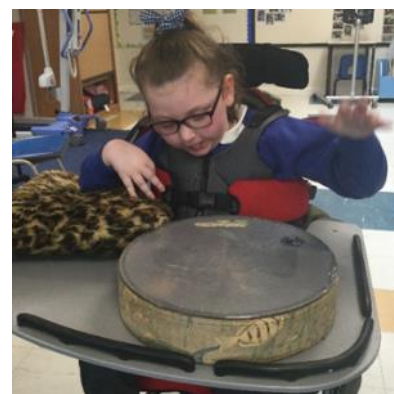
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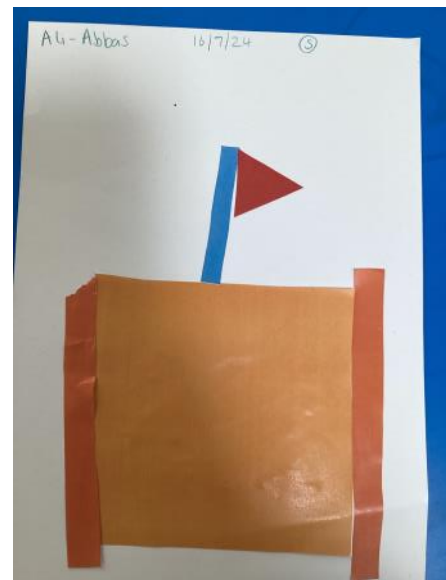
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# Rockets

During this half term Rockets class have been learning about shapes.













# Comets









This half term, Comets Class have worked hard in My Health: PE. Pupils have engaged with a range of balancing, kicking, throwing and climbing activities, working their way around stations along to the music. Pupils have been positive role models to other peers in their class, modelling what they have to do on each station, even supporting staff! Well done Comets Class!
















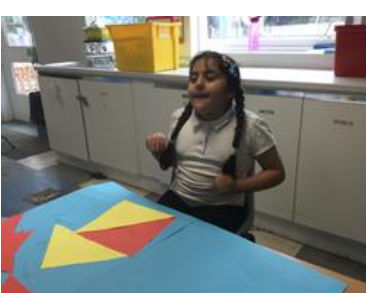
# Galaxies

 This  term  Galaxies  have been  focusing on  our  topic  listening.

 During  Maths  we  have been  learning  about  shape  and

 patterns.  We  have  listened  to the  instructions  to  create  our own

 tessellation  patterns.





Mercury



class



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Science



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motion.



We



practice



pushing



and



pulling



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in

the



classroom



and



in

the

playground.



We



also



experience



friction



by



rolling



cars



on



different



surfaces.





Venus

Our topic this term has been 'Listening'. Venus Class have been playing key word listening games. We have also been listening to instructions during our Maths lessons by matching and identifying shapes.





# Mars

Mars class pupils have been consolidating their learning

this half term and revisiting the concepts they have been

focusing all year long.

We have focused on the s,a,t,p,i,n sounds for phonics on

our English, looking, reading and blending into small words.

We have been linking our numeracy knowledge from previous

terms with the 3D shapes and environmental shapes for Maths.

And we talked about friction for Science, pauses in Music,

personalised boys and girls body parts in Myself and Others

lessons and looking at inspiring people in Assemblies such as

Buddha or Guru Nanak.

Have a lovely Summer!





# Jupiter



Jupiter



Class



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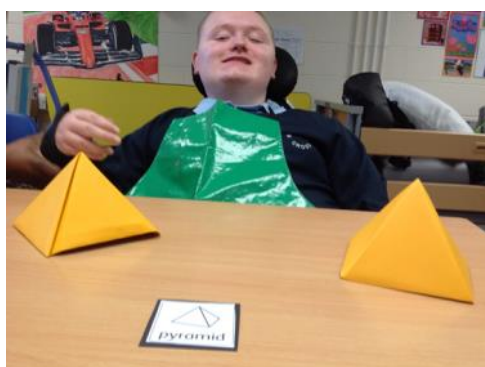
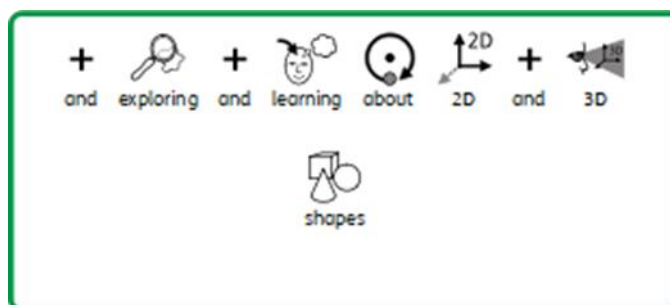
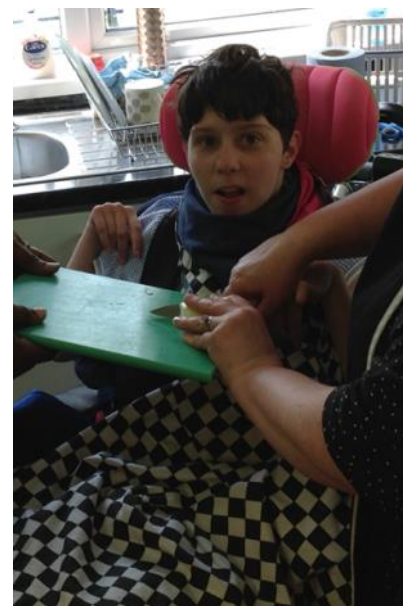
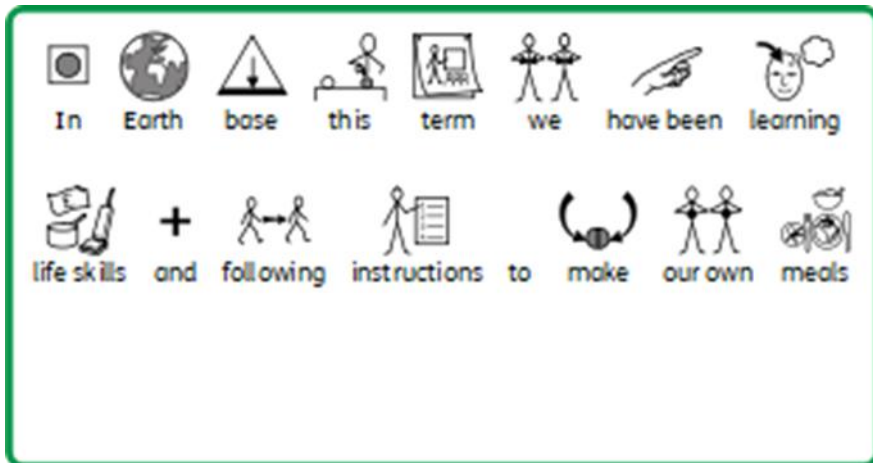
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activities.







Saturn

Saturn class enjoyed their Summer trip to Wheels for All and McDonalds. We really enjoyed going around the track and building our confidence on a bike!

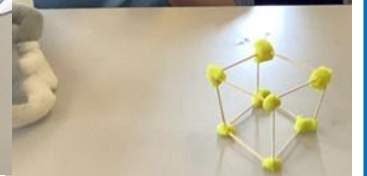
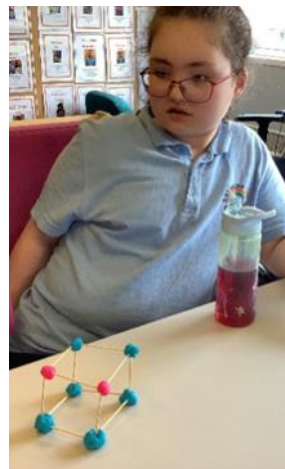


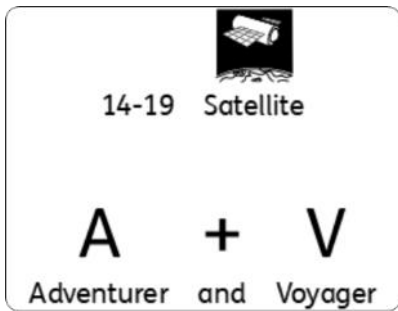


# Neptune

This term in maths Neptune Class have been learning about 2D shapes and 3D shapes.

Pupils joined in with activities and crafts exploring and learning about 3D shapes.





Adventurer and Voyager have been doing some travel training, getting the 49 bus from Satellite Centre to Daisy Farm Park, we have waited patiently for the bus, showed our passes and paid the driver, sat in an appropriate place and put into practice what we have learnt within school!





## School House Garden



Summer appears to have arrived recently, after a cold, wet spring which held everything back – except the weeds. Even the butterflies have failed to appear in any numbers this summer.

As you may recall I was hoping to create a sensory garden. Well the old potato patch is now looking more attractive with various plants which we hope will be attractive to butterflies and bees, as well as looking good. The ground has now become rock hard.

Robin is still feeding from my hand. In fact if I ignore her or don't see her I get a fluttering in the face or my hand brushed. When weeding there are often two of us at work in the same spot – one removing weeds and the other worms. It looks like there may be baby robins in the ivy but I'm keeping my distance. The photos show Robin sorting seeds and mowing



the lawn.



Last week I looked at the strawberry bed – which I'd kept covered – and there were some beautifully ripe red strawberries. Unfortunately each one had a crater in it where a woodlice or a slug had enjoyed a feast. One had something long and thin curled up in it.

Back in the spring I was in the shed and heard a scuttling in the metal watering can. I was just in time to see a mouse disappear up the spout. I took the watering can into the garden and put a stick in for the mouse to climb out. For 20 minutes I waited until finally the mouse appeared, climbed up the stick and scuttled off.



Thanks to Mark, the Site Manager and his team at Langley, the nature area has become more secure. They removed various items from the pond, despite the real risk of falling in, and Heras fencing was put round to prevent undesirable access and reduce litter. It remains a haven for lots of birds and no doubt elusive animals as well.

Our greenhouse has finally arrived, currently in two flat packs but once assembled it should be a big help, particularly in the winter. The tomato plants have been slow this year, but hopefully will speed up in their warm, cosy new home.



The ECO Group have continued to come down and help tend the garden. They have been doing really well with planting, weeding, sweeping, bird feeding and watering the plants.

# Supernova classes

Congratulations to the classes below for achieving 100% attendance for the week.



Well done

- ◆ **Week ending 07/06/2024**
- ◆ Mercury

- ◆ **Week ending 14/06/2024**
- ◆ Galaxies

## **Week ending 21/06/2024**

- ◆ Saturn

## **Week ending 28/06/2024**

- ◆ Venus

## **Week ending 05/07/2024**

- ◆ Planets
- ◆ Venus

## **Week ending 12/07/2024**

- ◆ Moonbeams
- ◆ Planets
- ◆ Mercury
- ◆ Saturn

