

Reynalds Cross School newsletter

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Term



dates

TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2024/25

AUTUMN TERM 2024

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

May Day – Monday 5th May 2025

Friday 11th April 2025

Monday 21st July 2025



Message from Mrs Brettell



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I write this as the busy festive period is upon us. Pupils have enjoyed lots of activities this term and in particular visiting and organising the Christmas Fayre. Thank you and well done to all pupils and staff that worked incredibly hard to ensure it was a huge success. It was wonderful to see so many parents, carers and visitors.

The Christmas performances were fantastic and everyone worked very hard within their classes. Both sites have held Nativities and Christmas performances. We also delighted

everyone at Touchwood by singing and signing some wonderful Christmas songs. Please don't forget to vote for us <https://www.eventsattouchwood.co.uk/christmaschoir>

Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day were enjoyed by both staff and pupils and there were some wonderful costumes and jumpers.

The Santa experience was slightly different this year due to the weather but it did not disappoint. Family support worked incredibly hard to ensure it continued and Santa was still able to attend.

There have been many successes throughout the term and looking through this newsletter you will be able to see the progress each of our pupils are making.

We sadly say goodbye to some incredible staff;

Gill Smith has been with us for 18 years and has supported so many pupils during her journey with us. She has been dedicated to ensuring the best for pupils and we will sadly miss her commitment. Gill has also spent much time organising and dedicating her time to FORCS ensuring that funds can be used to enrich pupil's experiences. We wish Gill all the best in her retirement.

Zoe King joined us in 2009. Zoe is a remarkable teacher who inspires all those around her. Her dedication and commitment to not only support pupils, but ensure they thrive is astounding. She is an outstanding teacher and wonderful person to have in school. It has been an honour and pleasure to

work alongside such a dedicated, skilful and caring person who puts the pupils first. On behalf of everyone at school, pupils, staff and parents, I wish you all the best for your future and I have no doubt you will keep in touch with everyone.

We wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas break and look forward to seeing you in the New Year!





Shooting stars

Music continues to be a very popular activity, with the children exploring and making their own sounds. This term we have had a focus on Melody in Reception. The children have engaged in songs such as 'Brontosaurus Stomp', and 'Bop wop a doo', both of which have some very catchy lyrics and tunes. We also make time for lots of free exploration with the instruments too.



Hobbies

We have also enjoyed some festive activities in Shooting Stars. The children have explored Christmas / Winter themed dressing up, as well as some art activities- Watch out for the finished results of some of these, coming home with your child at the end of term.

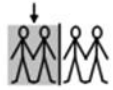




Sunshines



class



This half



term



we



have



really



enjoyed



our



class



story,

The Elves

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Shoemaker.



We



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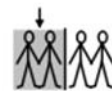
Our



favourite



lesson



this half



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art!





Planets










 Planets	 class	 have been	 learning
 about	 hobbies.	 We	 really
 liked	 cooking.	 We	 made
 rice crispy	 cakes.		
















Rainbows







 This half
  term
  we
  have been
  reading
  'We're
  Going
  on

 a Present
  Hunt'
  which
  everyone
  has
  really
  enjoyed.

 We
  have
  also
  been exploring
  cause and effect

 toys
  and
  games.
  Furthermore, we
  have
  continued to

 enjoy
  our
  PE
  sessions
  where
  we
  have been
  using

 different
  equipment to
  explore
  different
  movements
  to music,

 such as
  jumping,
  rolling
  and spinning.





Moonbeams









 In Science we have been exploring a sensory story called 'Planting a Rainbow'.


















 This also linked to our topic of hobbies as it enabled us to explore gardening.








 All the pupils enjoyed engaging with the sensory resources linked to the narrative of the story.





Polar Express Event Rockets Class

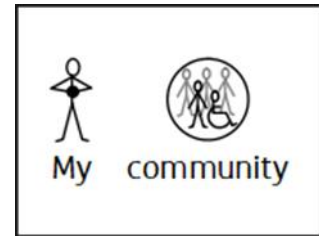


Thanks to everyone who came to the Polar Express event.



Comets

This term in Comets My Community we have been visiting our school house garden. Everyone has had fun exploring the area. We especially enjoyed the nature hunt.





Galaxies

This term Galaxies have really worked hard

particularly in Science where we have

explored 'Parts of A Plant' and 'What Makes

A Plant Grow Well?.



On behalf off Galaxies "Merry Christmas!"



Mercury

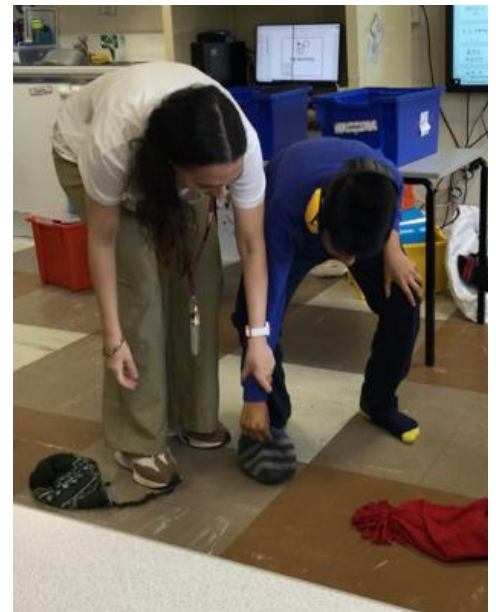
class

This term in Maths we have been analysing data. We have sorted items into different

categories such as colour, type of clothes or cutlery. We have explored everyday objects

understanding their use and making groups with objects that share similar characteristics. We

have also created tables and charts with information collected.





Venus

Venus class have been working hard on their personal care skills.

We have explored different personal care items using our senses.



Students have been using their wash bags.



They have also been identifying what items are for.



As well as developing their independence this will contribute to students ASDAN qualifications.



Mars

This term, Mars class has been focusing on

the sound a & sound i for & phonics and a

Multisensory Winter story for English.

We worked on

analysing data such as colours, cutlery & and

natural materials for Maths. We enjoyed events






such as the Bikeability event & the Golf trip!

Have a Merry Christmas & a nice break!












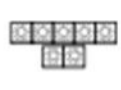




Jupiter

 This
  term
 as part of
  our
  My
  Community
  topic
  Jupiter class

 have been
  practicing
  travelling
  safely
 around our
  school

 We
  have
  visited
  lots of
  different
  areas
 around
  school
 and

 now
  go
 on
  weekly
  walks
 to the
  school house
 garden.





This term Earth base have been working on their

ASDAN modules.

1 One of them is making requests and asking questions:

They have been doing this in communication lessons

by using conversation cards and playing games.

When shopping for our cooking ingredients, asking for

help to find items, making a request for what we

would like in the cafe and during video calls with

satellite centre pupils about their weekend news.

How do you relax in the evenings?

Describe your perfect weekend.





Saturn



This



term,



Saturn



class



have been



exploring



reading



using



lots of



different



types



of books.



They



have been



sharing



stories



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their



friends



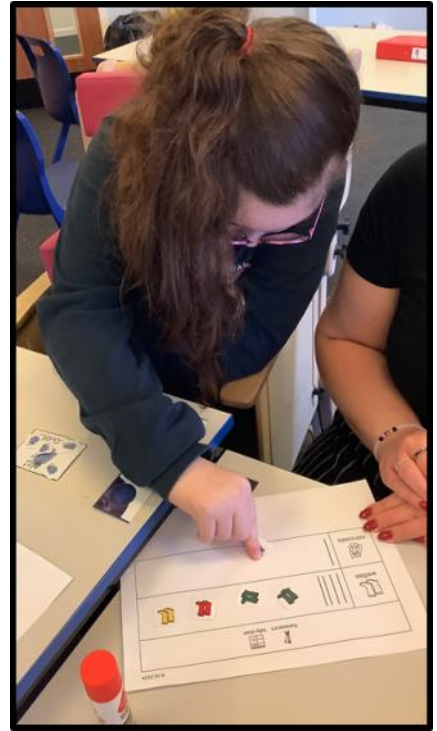
and



teachers.



Neptune



Neptune class have been working hard in their Maths lessons this term. Key Stage Three pupils have been learning about tally charts and graphs, while Key Stage 4 pupils have been focussing on Measure.



Satellite Centre



Adventurer and Voyager classes have been using their communication skills to ask questions and make requests. This has included sharing news about what they have done at the weekend and asking for things they need during games and activities.



Year 14 – 19 students



Working towards ASDAN qualifications

Students in 14 – 19 stage continue work hard towards their ASDAN qualifications. Many activities within the school day support accreditation along with specifically planned lessons. We also regularly visit our local community to practice and gain a range of skills.

Students from Venus have been working hard on their Developing skills for the workplace: growing and caring for plants module. They have been following instructions to plant seeds and will soon have some lovely flowers.



The maths unit this year is Measure and students at the Satellite Centre have enjoyed using balancing scales to work out what is heavier or lighter.

A group of students have been visiting Touchwood once a week for work experience. They have worked really hard on making voucher cards and wrapping presents for Santa's Grotto as part of their "Developing skills for the workplace: following instructions" ASDAN module.



Merry Christmas





Children's Mental Health
Provision and Support

It has been a very busy term at Reynolds Cross, we have had a Halloween disco, odd socks day, and our fantastic Christmas enterprise fayre which was a big success. We have been fundraising this term for Children In Need and also raising money for Birmingham Children's Hospital on our Christmas jumper day.

Pupils have been busy making decorations and Christmas cards for their 'buddy class'. All of our pupils have worked so hard for lower school's nativity and upper school's video performance. We dedicated an afternoon in December for celebrating the life of Noah by doing his favourite things, dancing, eating toast and sausage sandwiches and making each other smile.

What's next?

In the New year we will be implementing clubs for wet play with a variety of activities including I.T, arts and crafts and games.

We would like to wish all of our pupils, their families and carers a happy and healthy Christmas and we look forward to welcoming you back in 2025.

Best wishes

Jess, Natasha, Katrina, Laura and Cara

Supernova classes

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



Well done

Week ending 29/11/2024

- ◆ Mercury

Week ending 13/12/2024

- ◆ Galaxies

