



# Reynalds Cross School newsletter

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May 2022 edition



Term

dates

## TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2021/2022

### AUTUMN 2021

Term Starts: Thursday 2nd September 2021

INSET: Thursday 2nd September 2021

Half Term: Monday 25th—Friday 29th October 2021

INSET: Friday 17th December 2021

Term Ends: Friday 17th December 2021

### SPRING 2022

Term Starts: Tuesday 4th January 2022

INSET: Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th January 2022

INSET: Friday 18th February 2022

Half Term: Monday 21st—Friday 25th February 2022

Term Ends: Friday 8th April 2022

### SUMMER 2022

Term Starts Monday 25th April 2022

Half Term: Monday 31st May—Friday 3rd June 2022

Term Ends: Thursday 21st July 2022

*INSET DAYS (pupils not in school)*



## TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2022/2023

### AUTUMN 2022

Term Starts: Monday 5th September 2022

TRAINING DAY: Monday 5th September

TRAINING DAYS: Thursday 20th October  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Half Term: Monday 24th—Friday 28th October 2022

Term Ends: Friday 16th December 2022

### SPRING 2023

Term Starts: Tuesday 3rd January 2023

TRAINING DAY: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Half Term: Monday 20th—Friday 24th February 2023

Term Ends: Friday 31st March 2023

### SUMMER 2023

Term Starts Monday 17th April 2023

Half Term: Monday 29th May—Friday 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



# B

**Welcome back!**

Welcome back everyone! Hope you all enjoyed the Easter break. We have started our Summer term by welcoming our newest members of staff to Reynolds Cross School

Richard– IT Technician

Aneta– Mercury Class Teacher

Julie– Physio Swim support

In what seems such a short term it certainly has been a busy one with lots of learning and fun had by all.

A big well done to all those pupils and staff that enjoyed Dodford Farm Residential. For many pupils this was their first time away from home so a huge well done.

Sports Day – A huge success. It was lovely to welcome parents and carers back into school both at the main site and Satellite site to enjoy the sporting success of all pupils.



The new playground markings have been a superb success at main site. Pupils have enjoyed them so much we having more added over half term holidays.

Many pupils both at main site and Satellite site have had the opportunity to take part in Music sessions lead by the CBSO and the Amber music trust which has been wonderful.



Art has been a real splash of colour. We have been very privileged to have an artist join us on a weekly basis to help us with our art appreciation and also an opportunity to get very messy.

Have a wonderful half term! ☺



## Shooting stars



Recycled



materials

The children have been busy exploring recycled materials. They have sorted plastic, metal and paper into recycling boxes. The litter grabber was a favourite way of doing this 😊



In another session, they made their own sensory bottles using reclaimed bottles. The children chose materials to fill them with, creating some great visual and sound effects.







# Sunshines



Recycling



activities

During the first half of the Summer term, Sunshines class have been learning about and exploring recycling activities. In reading, pupils have been helping to sort the recycling into paper, plastic and tin bins. During art, Sunshines class have been making shakers and binoculars out of old plastic bottles and cardboard tubes.





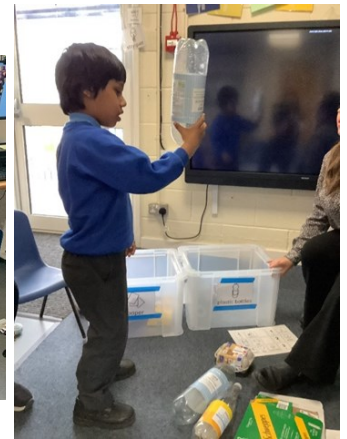


Planets



Recycling

Planets class have worked very hard this half term on their new topic-recycling! In Science, we have explored recycled cardboard and bottles, and begun to sort them into boxes. Pupils have enjoyed reading our new book, 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley', engaging with sensory materials, from the story, such as jelly, sand and water. In Art, we are using recycled materials to make a beautiful rainbow display.







# Rainbows



## Recycling

This half term Rainbows have explored the topic 'Recycling' and have been reading the story 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley'.

In maths pupils have been learning to find the same and have started to learn about shapes.



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## Dodford Farm

This half term Rainbows were also lucky enough to enjoy a residential trip to Dodford Farm in Bromsgrove. The pupils (and staff!) had a fantastic time and enjoyed activities including; feeding the farm animals, exploring the adventure playground, a walk and a story across the fields, soft play and playing with the many toys in the playroom.





# MOONBEAMS



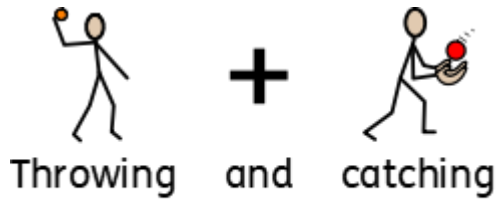
## Music

Moonbeams have enjoyed having Steve from The Amber trust delivering a music session each week. During this time, we have listened to and explored a variety of instruments and songs.





# Rockets



This term in Rockets we have been practising our throwing and catching skills in PE.







# Comets



## Outdoors

This term Comets were taking part in many activities outdoors and we enjoyed the warmer weather. We made regular visits to the school garden, where we were sowing flowers' and herbs' seeds. We were also generalising outdoors our PECS communication skills learned in the classroom.



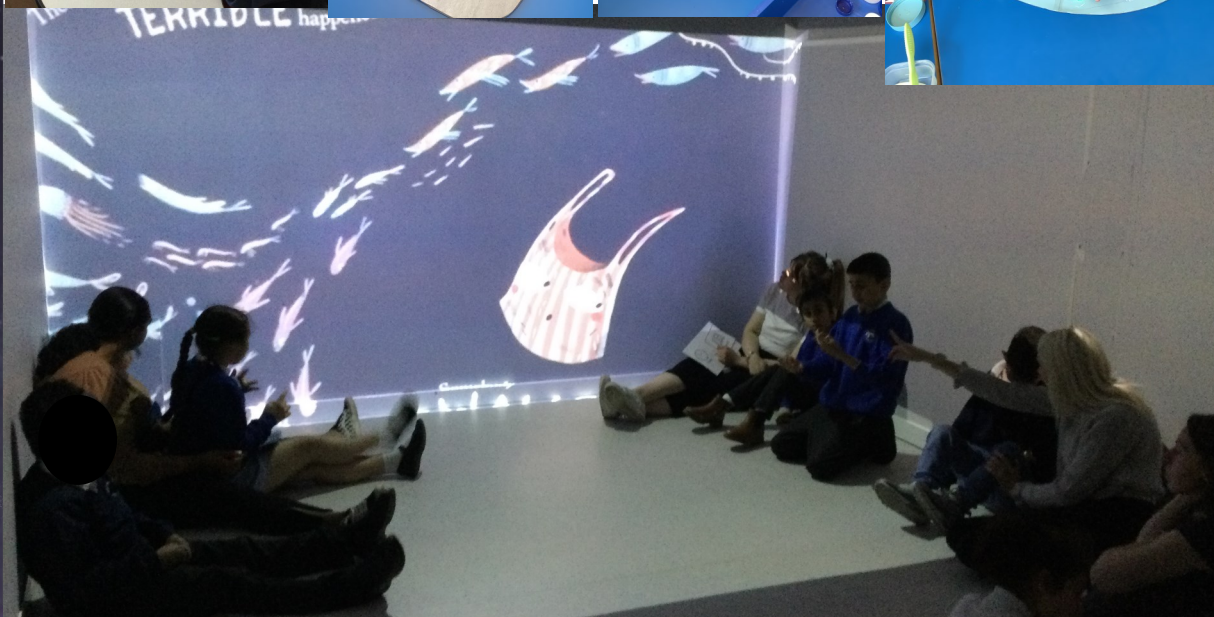




Galaxies



Galaxies have started learning about Recycling, by reading the story "Somebody Swallowed Stanley". The pupils have been working hard in Reading and Maths, in activities related to the story. In Art, Galaxies have been learning about the different animals that swallow Stanley, and using recycled materials to create our own jellyfish, turtles, seagulls and whales! The class have also experienced the story in the new immersive classroom.










# Mercury class

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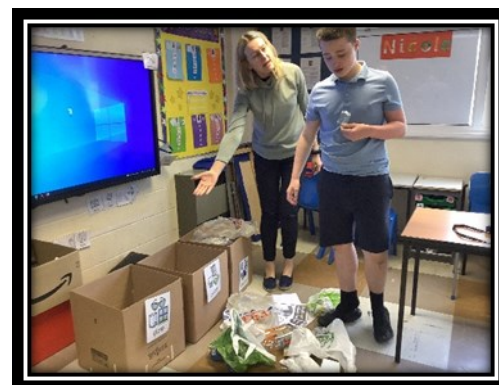
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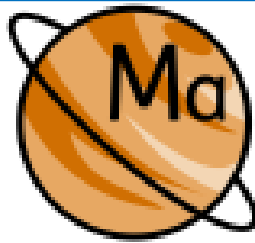


Venus

Venus pupils have been learning the different stages of making a sandwich and are having a go at following instructions. We have learnt about kitchen hygiene and being safe using different equipment.





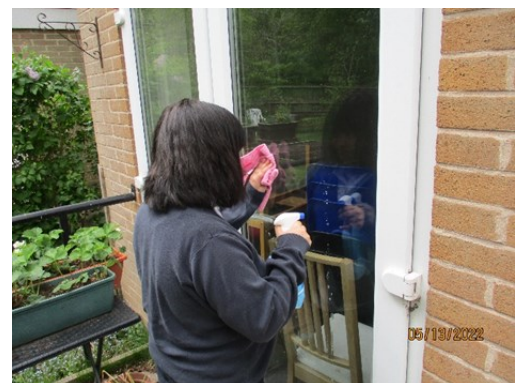


## Mars



### Life skills

This half term, we have been on trips to the School Garden to work on our life skills. So far we have watered the plants and cleaned the exterior windows of the School House.





# Jupiter



Educational



visits

During this half term on our educational visits we have been food shopping in Morrisons. Each week the students have a shopping list of items which they need to find and recognise in the supermarket.

Our topic this term is recycling and Jupiter class have been using our recycling to make new items. Our favourite so far is using plastic bottles to make plant pots and plastic flowers which spin in the wind.

Have a lovely Half term and enjoy the platinum jubilee!







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## Neptune



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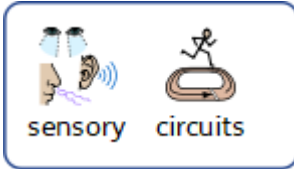
This term in PE Neptune class have been taking part in team games and sports. Pupils enjoyed working together building up their team skills in games such as Duck Duck Goose and cricket.



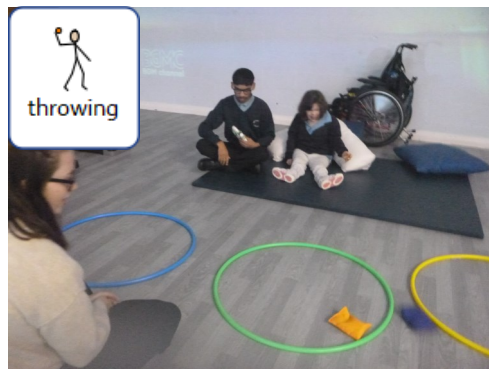
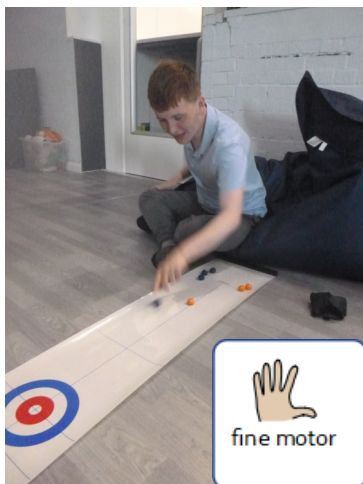




# Adventurer



In the morning Adventurer class have been completing a circuit. This has helped us be calm and be ready for the busy day ahead.





Voyager



Litter



pick

Voyager Class have been helping the local environment by doing a litter pick in Mill Lodge Park. We have been talking about recycling, why it's important to recycle and what else we can do to make our daily lives and local community as environmentally friendly as possible.

### The 3'R's







**ASDAN**  
Registered Centre

Reynolds Cross school is a registered centre for  
delivering ASDAN qualifications.

Our 14-19 curriculum (Years 11-14) focus is on working in partnership with parents to prepare students for life after leaving school. Students are encouraged to become as independent as possible, developing life skills and understandings to help become more confident and skilled.

Two of this year's ASDAN units 'Developing independent living skills: Keeping safe' at Entry 1 and 'Personal safety in the home and community' at Entry 2 is an example. Units focus on supporting students to develop strategies for identifying and reducing risks they may face in the home and when travelling around.



Sarah, Joe and James practice zebra crossing and road safety skills.



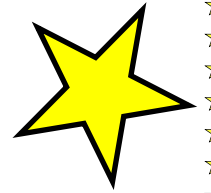
Sufyaan follows safe handling and storage of knives in the kitchen.



Vicki and Ksenia prepare lunch following safe and hygienic routines.



# Stars of Fame



W/C 25th April

Neptune Class star is Kai for trying really hard with his spelling work.

Moonbeams- Ibrahim—for focussing and engaging in all lessons and working hard during his physio exercises each day.

Voyager-  
Arthur for taking ear defenders off for short periods of time.  
Ksenia for great communication in group times.

Adventurer-  
Noah for spending time in class.  
Sufyaan for great talking and communication.  
James for being kind to his friends and helping in the kitchen

Rainbows' star of the week is Mason for his good communication with classroom adults.  
Well done, Mason!

Venus' star is Naryan for excellent listening and following instructions

Sunshine's- Isla - For having an excellent first week back in school; using PECS and self-soothing when tired.

Mercury class star of the week is Christopher for returning to school and accepting change.

Galaxies Star of the Week is Mahira for coming back after a long break with kind hands and for working hard with her Physio programme.

Mars Class - Harry – good interaction with peers and completing class jobs.

Headteachers award- Bobbie for his continued resilience and bravery since coming back to school & always being smiley.

W/C 2nd May

Moonbeams - Louie for excellent communication during the story massage session, lifting his foot to request more of the same. Well done Louie!

Galaxies Class Star of the Week is Darragh for walking up to 60 steps independently in Movement this week and for taking some steps independently in the swimming pool.

Shooting stars are:

Mollie- Sorting materials by type  
Aaron- using a grabber to pick up materials for recycling

Lyla- Holding a set of bells independently

Oliver- Exploring toys in different ways, including finding out which parts can roll.

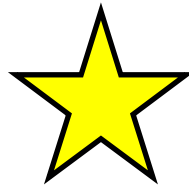
Adventurer:

Joe - Wonderful chopping skills in the kitchen

Lauren - Excellent communication and asking for enjoyable activities

Voyager

Vicki - Helping staff and being a great friend.





# Stars of Fame

## W/C 9th May

Moonbeams- Ben– for happily completing his physio exercises with enthusiasm.

Galaxies Star of the Week is Ibrahim for using speech in context and having some lovely interactions in class this week.

Adventurer-

★ **Lauren** - for chatting to Mum on the phone

★ **James** - for having a great week

Planets- Peyton- For requesting what she wants and asking for help on her device.

Shooting stars are:

Jacob- fantastic copying instrumental sounds in music

Aisha- Joining in with the greeting by naming lots of her classmates.

Alfie- Joining in with signs and actions to familiar songs including signing 'duck'.

Star of the week in Jupiter is Long for helping to tidy up the classroom and interacting with others.

Mars Class – Narayan – coping really well with lots of changes this week.

Venus star of the week is Leah for accepting personal care well all week.

Headteacher's award- all staff and pupils who went on the Dodford Farm trip.

## W/C 16th May

Moonbeams- Tyler for growing in confidence when exploring and participating in new activities.

Venus- Jacob for a fantastic week and has been able to regulate his emotions.

The star of the week for Jupiter class is Oliver Bradley for reaching out for staff and during lessons this week.

Mercury star of the week is Nicole for having a great week in school, good listening and being happy and content.

Star of the week for Sunshine's- Maxwell - For excellent engagement in phonics and maths lessons this week.

Galaxies Star of the Week is Sienna for fantastic work in all lessons this week and for being patient and kind with her peers.

Star of the week in Neptune class is Josh G - for super reading and talking about the text.

Shooting Stars are:

Billy, Mollie, Harrison, Oscar - For travelling to communicate their snack choice  
Layla and Lyla- Great exploring of recycled materials.

Mars Class- Ryde- accepting his new swim vest in the pool.

Head Teachers award of the week goes to the 'My Health Group' for all their hard work in preparing for sport day next week  
Eco Group for designing a wonderful wheelbarrow.