

Reynalds Cross School newsletter

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February 2025 edition



Term



dates

TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2024/25



SPRING TERM 2025

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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This year has gone so fast, February already and half term is here!

The Valentine's disco was another success, thank you to all that attended and organised the event.

We have had the final totals for the Christmas Fayre and we are delighted to confirm that a fantastic £1,818 was raised. This is a fantastic amount and a huge thank you to everyone who helped make this happen – the staff and pupils who arranged the event, the parents and carers who supported and the generous donors of all of our raffle prizes! Watch this space for news about our Summer Fayre!

Staffing updates

This half term we have said goodbye to Sundas who was working as an LSA and Hannah Edwards who was a PSA. We wish them good luck for their future.

We have welcomed the following new staff:

- Farhana Shah
- Bernadette Burns
- Gemma Bryan
- Gemma Crowe
- Scarlett Taylor

After half term, we look forward to welcoming:

- Fiona Thomas
- Aimee Fisher

Attendance

We will continue to strive for excellent attendance and punctuality, the DFE guidance states that pupils attendance should be 90% or above.

Late arrival into school - As a school we have been focussing 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.

We have now started an Instagram page, please follow Reynolds Cross for updates.

Wishing you all a restful holiday and look forward to seeing all of the pupils back in school on Monday 24th February 2025.





Shooting stars

Shooting Stars Reception have been exploring different foods as part of their learning about 'The World'. This has had other valuable links to 'My Health' with the children encountering and tasting different foods and textures each week.



In our hall sessions we have been using the large apparatus for climbing and balancing activities. The children are learning how to co-ordinate their movements to access these and gaining confidence with each session.





Shooting stars



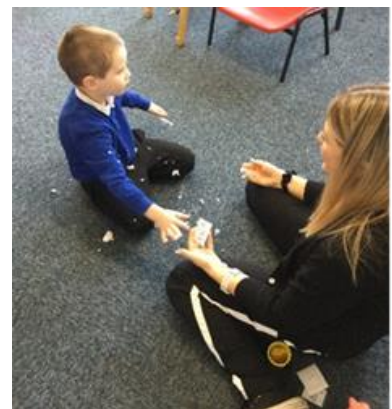
Shooting Stars Year One have had lots of fun this half term.

We have used our senses in My World sessions to explore different types of food by smelling, tasting and touching.

In Science we are learning about different materials and have been sorting items into sets of hard and soft.

We helped our teacher to make a shop in the classroom to go with our shopping stories.

We have also been working hard practicing using PECs in communication groups.





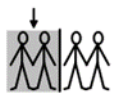
Sunshines



class



Over



this half



term



we



have been



working hard



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sequencing



actions.



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comparing



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Materials



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Science.



We



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


foods.









Planets





 This half-term in Planets, we have been

 learning about self-care. We have bathed

 the dolls and practiced brushing our teeth.






 In Science, we have been exploring





 different materials and sorting




 them into our recycling boxes.





Rainbows



Over this half term Rainbows have been exploring

different materials in science, sizes in

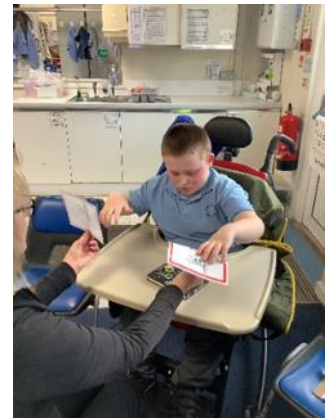
maths and develop our communication.





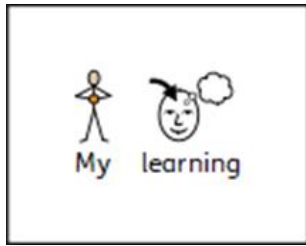
Moonbeams

In Science we have been exploring everyday items and thinking about how they feel. Pupils get to choose an item out of the box and then explore if it feels hard, soft, rough or smooth.



Rockets Art Valentines Day (free art session)





Comets

This term in comets my learning Science we have been exploring

different materials focusing on if they are hard or soft, heavy or light.

Comets really enjoyed designing their own mosaic T-shirts with a soft material.





Galaxies



This term in Galaxies we have been

building our Bug Hotel in Forest

School.

We have also been working

on our team building skills.

Look at our dinosaur jigsaw!



For Science, Galaxies have been exploring 'Materials'

and went on a hunt around the school to

find objects made of different materials.

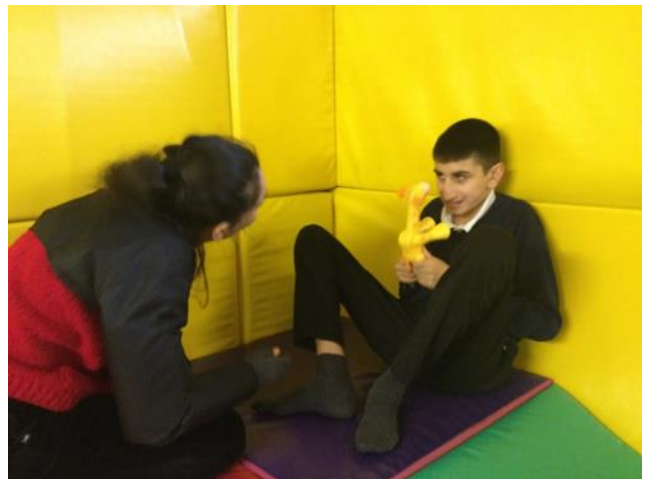
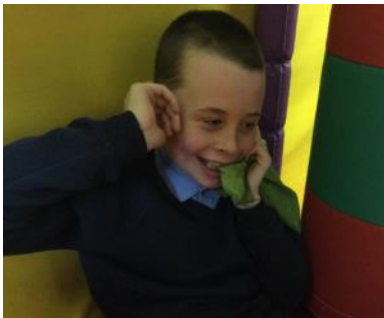
Me
Mercury

This term, we have been travelling to Soft play for My

Communication. We have practiced intensive interaction

with adults and requesting our favorite items. We have

had lovely interactions and enjoyed playing together.





Venus











Venus Class









As part of ASDAN, Venus Class having been learning how to care for plants. Pupils have also been learning about the different tools that are used when gardening and how to use them safely.




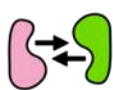








Mars

 In
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  class
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  focused on
  functional
  communication
  through

 activities
  that
  you
  could
  do
  in
  community
  such as a shopping

 experience.
  We
  build up
  our
  vocabulary
  through
  visuals,
  objects
  of

 reference,
  interactions
  and
  many
  more
  other
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Jupiter








 In Jupiter this term we have been exploring














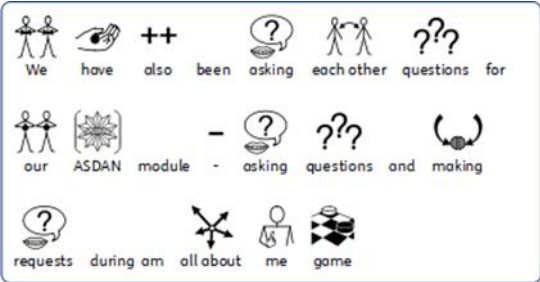
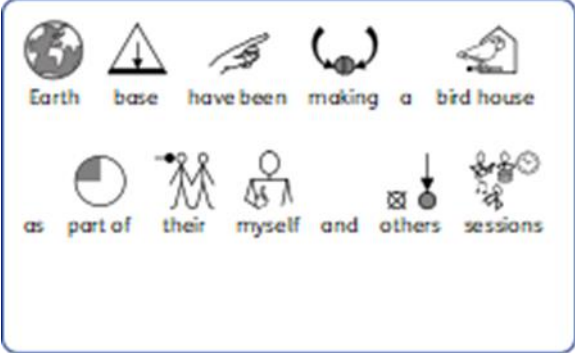
 different instruments in our phonics sessions






 We have played





 them fast and slow







Saturn



In My Communication Saturn class have been learning about their appearance e.g hair colour, eye colour. The pupils have then used communication strips to ask for their correct hair, eye colour to complete a picture of themselves.





Neptune



In My community and Geography Neptune class have been learning about road safety, maps and road traffic. We had a lot of fun practicing how to respond to 'stop and go signs' in different environments.



Satellite Centre

Pupils in 14-19 at the Satellite Centre have been focusing on their community skills and activities they enjoy on Friday afternoons.

In small groups pupils have visited the library, bought plants at local shops and cakes at Greggs.



Those based back at school have been exploring Positive Alternative to Work by participating in art, yoga, gardening and much more!



CHAMPS

February is always an exciting month for CHAMPS. Every year for one week is “Children’s Mental Health Week.” There is a different theme each year, this year’s theme was:



Pupils took part in various activities throughout the week. The main focus was their well-being. What they enjoy doing, what makes them happy?

Some pupils spent time with their Buddy class.

Have a lovely half term

Katrina and Cara

Supernova classes

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

Week ending 17/01/2025

- ◆ Planets



Well done

Week ending 24/01/2025

- ◆ Sunshines

Week ending 31/01/2025

- ◆ Galaxies

Week ending 07/02/2025

- ◆ Mercury

