



# Reynalds Cross School newsletter

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April 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: Mon 25th—Fri 29th October 2021

INSET: Friday 17th December 2021

Term Ends: Fri 17th December 2021



### SPRING 2022

Term Starts: Tuesday 4th January 2022

INSET: Tues 4th & Wed 5th January 2022

INSET: Friday 18th February 2022

Half Term: Mon 21st—Fri 25th February 2022

Term Ends: Friday 8th April 2022



### SUMMER 2022

Term Starts Mon 25th April 2022

Half Term: Mon 31st May—Fri 3rd June 2022

Term Ends: Thurs 21st July 2022

*INSET DAYS (pupils not in school)*



## TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2022/2023

### AUTUMN 2022

Term Starts: Monday 5th September 2022

TRAINING DAYS: Monday 5th September &  
Tuesday 6th September 2022

TRAINING DAY: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Half Term: Mon 24th—Fri 28th October 2022

Term Ends: Fri 16th December 2022

### SPRING 2023

Term Starts: Tuesday 3rd January 2023

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

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

Term Ends: Friday 31st March 2023

### SUMMER 2023

Term Starts Mon 17th April 2023

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



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Dear Parents and Carers

Well, Spring term has passed us by in a flash with so much happening in such a short period of time. As we quickly approach the end of this term, I just wanted to thank you all again for the support you have given our school. Running a school post pandemic has not been without its challenges and we thank you for your support especially when we have had to close classes.

Our pupils have been working very hard and I have to say that I admire the resilience that they have shown towards their learning in what are still very challenging times for our young people. It is wonderful to see how much progress each young person has made this term.

It is just a joy and a privilege to be the head of this wonderful school and it has been exciting to see parents and carers returning to school whether that be for the Special Day Assembly or the Easter fun activities hosted by family support.

During this term we have said goodbye to Will, our ICT Technician, who went onto an exciting promotion, Sophie, Jane and Claire, PSA's and finally Adrian, our Site Manager who goes onto lead a new site team.

We are delighted to introduce our new members of staff that will join us after the Easter break. Miss Aneta is the new teacher in Mercury Class. She is joining us from a special school in Birmingham with a wealth of experience working with pupils with complex needs and autism. She has already met with the class team and pupils who took a real shine to her. Miss Natasha, Miss Gurmeet, Miss Linzi, Miss Stacey will join various classes as personal support assistants and finally Mr Richard who will be the new ICT technician.

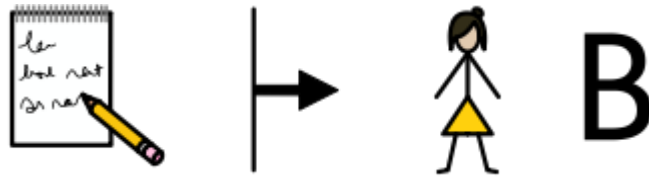
I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff that have worked exceptionally hard this term including those that have hosted PGCE students; Miss Alexa and Miss Katrina for doing a fabulous job at supporting Mercury class whilst awaiting the new teacher; and all the staff for supporting all pupils to have a safe, enriching learning environment of which they flourish and are happy.



As many of you are now aware we have a new immersive classroom that has proved a real success with pupils. Pupils have a timetabled slot and the opportunities it provides are endless.

Over the Easter period we have lots of building improvements going ahead. I am delighted to announce the new playground markings and gazebo at main site which will provide a welcomed enhancement to our playground. This was requested and designed by our pupils. We hope in the future the playground will be put to good use by our families at weekends. More information to follow.

# Message from Miss Brettell cont..



At Shooting Stars they also have a new outdoor play area and we are currently looking at plans to enhance the Satellite site outdoor space to offer further learning opportunities through a safe outdoor space with places for pupils to socialise and grow plants and vegetables. Hopefully some of our families will be able to make use of this site during weekends and holiday times, more information to follow.

I mentioned in the February newsletter I would be evaluating the current school staffing structure. Following my evaluation, I am delighted to announce that due to the growth of the school further opportunities for development are available. Therefore, the new staffing structure will incorporate four phase leaders joining the middle leadership team, the senior leadership team which will consist of two assistant head teachers, deputy head teacher, business manager and head teacher. This will enhance pupil opportunities and outcomes and provide an opportunity for staff to further develop their skills.

Following a 'big push' on pupil's learning environment this is now underway and It has been wonderful looking at the opportunities pupils have available to them this term in the form of the new curriculum. All pupils have taken part in a World Book Day, planting competition along with other local schools, had visits from the CBSO, Amber Trust, visits to the local stables, Touchwood, Newlands Bishop special visits from the police to name but a few. We are hoping to add Heart of England Farm to our providers for the Summer term so pupils can access further employability opportunities.



# Dates for your diary



Commonwealth Conga – 29th April

Parents evening – 13th July

Commonwealth pentathlon- 25 & 26th May

Dodford Farm Residential – 11th-13th May

Graduation – 20th July, details to follow



On behalf of all the staff and governors, I wish you a safe and happy half term. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 25th April 2022.







## Shooting stars



Singing



games

In Shooting Stars we have been exploring traditional singing games. These included our versions of 'Oranges and Lemons', 'Ring a Roses' and 'Hopscotch'.

Then in other sessions, the children have explored traditional toys. The spinning top has been a big favourite, as were the wooden pull along toys.

We have practiced numbers and counting with hopscotch and the stepping stones.





# Sunshines



## Story time

In the second part of the Spring term, Sunshines class have enjoyed exploring our new immersive classroom. Pupils also participated well in World Book Day, and throughout the term, have demonstrated excellent engagement listening to stories in our daily 'Story time' especially 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', 'Monkey Puzzle' and 'Shark in the Park on a Windy Day'.







Planets



Planets class have worked brilliantly this half term! In Maths, we have focused on big and small, enjoying finding big and small objects and using sensory materials to fill big and small containers! Pupils have also worked hard on fine motor skills, during writing and art.

We have loved engaging with many special days, including 'World Book Day' and 'People Who Help Us Day', dressing up in costumes and meeting police officers! We also planted some sunflower seeds and vegetables.

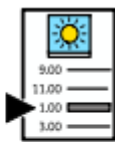




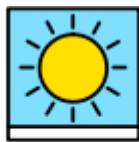
# Rainbows



World



book



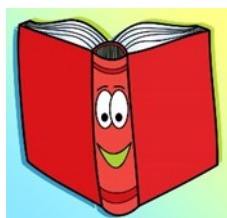
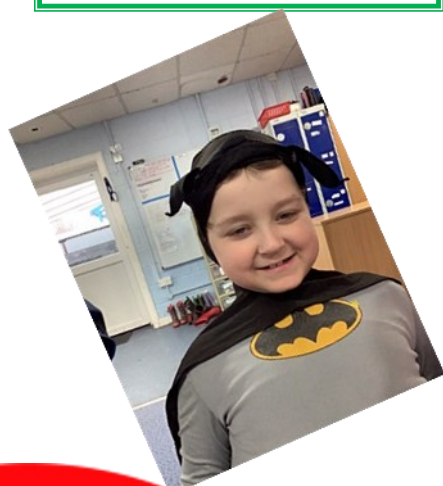
day



Rainbows had a fantastic World Book Day in March. We shared our favourite books together and enjoyed looking at our great costumes.



Rainbows also enjoyed visiting the Book Fayre in school's new immersive classroom.





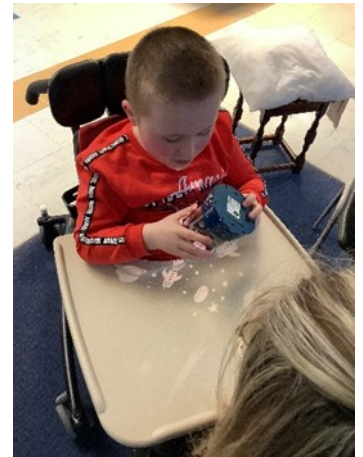
# MOONBEAMS



Time



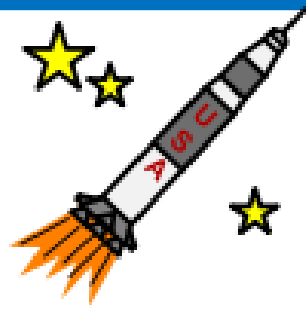
travel



Moonbeams continued 'time travelling' during our sensory story about decades. We explored the 70's – using headphones to listen to music and learnt about Star Wars the movie. In the 60's we explored the TV programme Star Trek, music from The Beatles and also the hippy movement. In the 50's we learnt about type writers and colour TV being introduced.







# Rockets



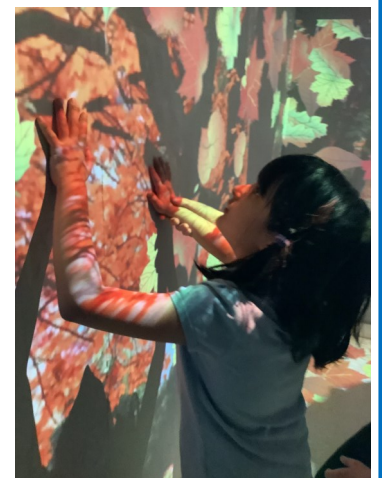
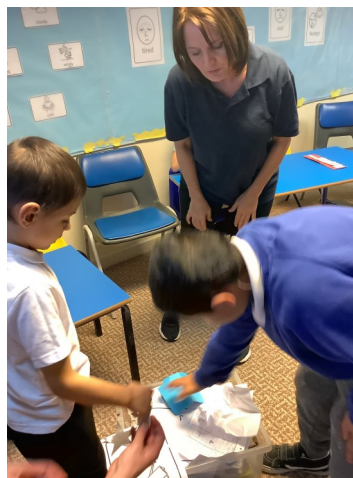
# Plants

This term we have been learning about plants and how they grow, we have been planting some seeds.



We have been using our new immersive classroom, the children have loved this session.

The children particularly love the snowy day visuals whereby you can catch snow flakes in your hand.





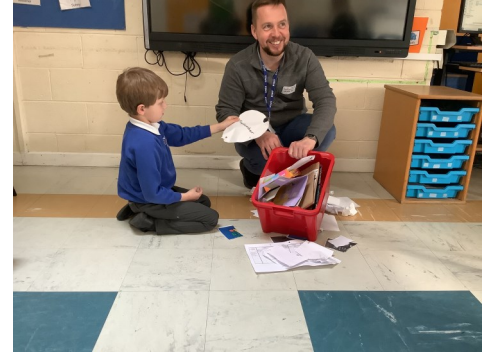
# Comets



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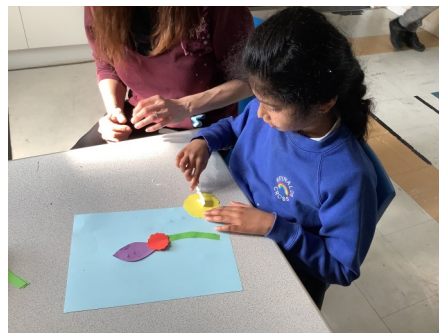


Independence and communication



Comets really enjoyed the second part of the spring term.

We worked on a variety of tasks, with a focus on independence and communication. We enjoyed doing things together, both with our peers and our teachers. We learned about recycling, our environment, and we started using the immersive room this term.







## Galaxies



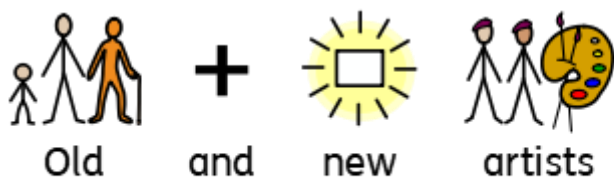
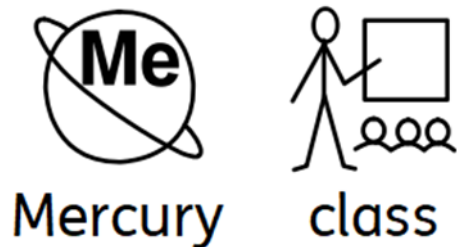
This half term, Galaxies have been working on self-help skills and communication by playing dress up!

The pupils have been using communication aids to request outfits, and to ask for help when dressing and undressing. Galaxies have been working really hard to get themselves changed as independently as possible.

We have had great fun!







We have been exploring different old and new artists and re-creating some of their famous pieces of artwork, by adding our own twist.







# Venus

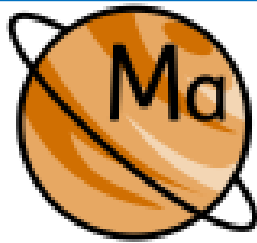


## Caterpillars

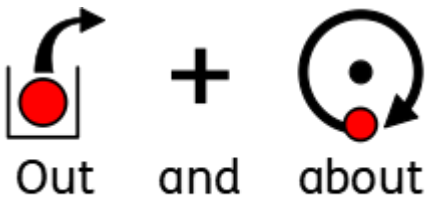
This half term, Venus class have been looking after our class caterpillars. We have been observing their growth and making sure they have enough food so that they can turn into butterflies where we will then release them.







Mars



This half term, we have been on many different trips to meet the requirements for a selection of ASDAN modules including "Getting out and about". As well as visiting the supermarket, we have been to Sheldon Country Park, Solihull Library and Hereward College.





# Jupiter



Exploring



Solihull

Over the Spring term we have been exploring a variety of places around Solihull, including supermarkets, Brueton park, the library and Touchwood Shopping Centre. These visits have given us opportunities to practice our life skills, communication and social skills. Jupiter class have had great fun ☺

Have a lovely Easter Break!







Saturn



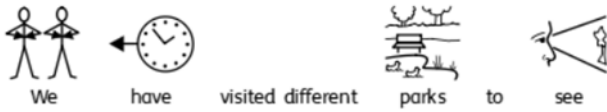
Old and new



Saturn class have been going out in the



community this term exploring old and new.



We have visited different parks to see



the changing of our environment, the farm to



see any new baby animals and the train station to



see new forms of transport.







Neptune



Road safety



Neptune Class have been learning about Road Safety.

Pupils practised crossing the zebra crossings at school,

following a road safety maze and making traffic light biscuits.





Adventurer



Cycling

### Wheels for all PAW session

Adventurer went to Tudor Grange for a cycle session. The pupils had so much fun racing around the track!







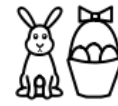
Voyager



Easter



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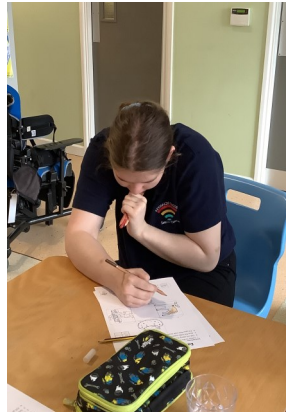
Easter



baskets

Students at Satellite Centre have been very busy recently with helping to get ready for and run the Easter Fayre.

Everyone has worked really hard making Easter baskets, cards and doing other Easter Crafts.



Easter



cards



Lucky



dip



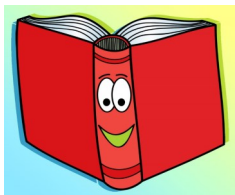
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Registered Centre

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delivering ASDAN qualifications.

## Working towards ASDAN qualifications

Our 14-19 stage students continue working towards ASDAN qualifications with 14 students in year 11 and 14 in process of having final pieces of work assessed by teachers and moderated within school. Units from this group of students will be submitted to ASDAN external moderators next month selected from 125 units of work. External moderation verifies school assessments and ensures national consistency within qualifications.

Students in years 10, 12 and 13 have their work moderated within school next term in preparation for submission to ASDAN for external verification in year 11 or 14.



There have been some fantastic pieces of work completed this year within 14-19 stage. For ASDAN unit “Developing Reading Skills” some of year 14 students have written and illustrated a short story to read to their friends. We really enjoyed finding out about all the adventures in Connor’s “Dan’s worst Day”, Vicki’s “Lucy has a bath” and Charlottes “Michael and Jane have fun”. Well done to all our fantastic 14-19 stage students.



Hannah reads a  
book to her friends  
in Adventurer class  
at our Satellite  
centre.





Family support



update



Easter



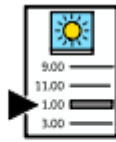
event

Thank you to those families that attended our Easter Event, fun was had by all and the bouncy castle was a great hit! We hope to plan another event next half term so look out for details on Dojo.

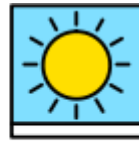




World

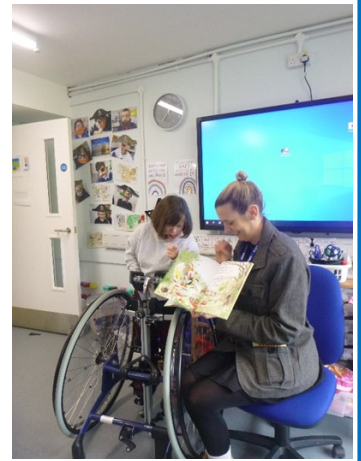


book



day

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, pupils across school took part in World Book Day. Lots of pupils were dressed as their favourite characters and engaged with lots of different book activities. Each class awarded two pupils with a certificate and a book to celebrate their reading and engagement with books on World Book Day. Lots of fun was had by all. We look forward to celebrating World Book Day again next year!





# Usborne Book Fayre!



Book



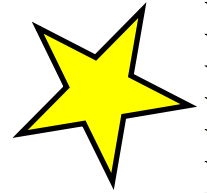
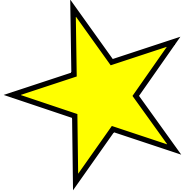
fayre

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022, Reynolds Cross invited Alison in from Narnia Libraries to lead a school Usborne book fayre. Pupils at main site visited the fayre in the new immersive classroom, and were able to look through and buy some books. Thank you to all for your support in ordering books. All of the purchases meant that as a school we had £181.29 worth of free books from Usborne.





# Stars of Fame



## W/C 28th February

Neptune Class are all stars for being super readers on World Book Day.

Moonbeams- Aryan for participating well in all lessons this week. Aryan has been very happy and keen to learn.

Rainbows - Ezmai for her super signing and singing during the phonics lesson.  
Ruby for her great talking during the phonics lesson and for being so helpful with tidying up.

Venus- Dexter for a fantastic week and managing his emotions really well.

Galaxies Star of the Week is Darragh for great focus in Writing and Shared Attention this week.

Rainbows' stars of the week are Ruby for her great talking during phonics lessons and for being so helpful with tidying up, and Ezmai for her super signing and singing during our phonics lessons.

Mars Class – Harry for fantastic reading  
Katie – Choosing lots of different options for leisure this week

Shooting Stars-  
Mollie- being grown up and using the toilet all week.  
Lyla- Working hard with her floor physio exercises.

Sunshines- Leo for excellent engagement in greeting sessions; choosing a greeting and trying to say some single words.

## W/C 7th March

Neptune Class Stars - Josh G and Kai for fantastic shared reading.

Moonbeams- Finn has been engaged and involved in all lesson this week happily joining in all activities with enthusiasm.

Venus- Tia for excellent interaction with friends during soft play.

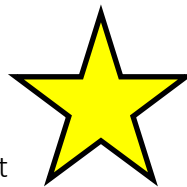
Galaxies star of the week is Olivia for great work in Maths and lovely interactions with staff.

Rainbows' star of the week is Calvin for his good talking.

Shooting Stars Stars are:  
Layla- Working hard at her standing excercises  
Enayah- Fantastic signing in class  
Libby- Hard work in phonics

Sunshine's- Zachary for fantastic copying actions in action rhymes and initiating interactions with supporting adults.

Saturn's Star of the week is Mustafa for good problem solving in PE.



# Stars of Fame



## W/C 14th March

Star of the week in Planets is Max, for being helpful when taking the paper recycling to the hall every day and for asking to go to the toilet.

Sunshine's- Isla - For a settled week in school, eating well at lunchtime and communicating choices preference using PECS.

Venus star of the week is Ujan for having a fantastic week.

Galaxies class star is Mahira for using speech and communication boards well to communicate appropriately and kindly.

Adventurer's stars are-

Sarah- For being a super helper. She tidied the classroom without being asked!

Joe- For excellent communication and initiating fun!

Shooting Stars:

Oscar- Fantastic work in phonics, making words

Aaron- Great effort in art activities

Olly- Fantastic PECS work

Alfie- Settling well into new routines at nursery.

Rainbows' star of the week is Matthew for good listening. Well done, Matthew!

Saturn class star of the week is Eshal for fantastic participation in CBSO. Eshal did some beautiful singing and dancing.

## W/C 21st March

Saturn star of the week is Maryam for a fantastic week asking to go to the toilet.

Neptune Class star of the week is Genevieve for taking responsibility and trying really hard with her morning routine.

Galaxies class star of the week is Hasnain for independently travelling with PECS to ask for a drink!

Adventurer stars-

Lauren for following a new timetable independently

Joe for lovely manners

Mars and Jupiter – Harry B, Harry L and Long for accepting the many changes this week.

Sunshine's- Mason - For having 'wee wee's' on the toilet and doing good listening when coming in from the playground.





# THANK YOU

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# Ukraine Appeal



## Ukraine Appeal

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Ukraine appeal, we have had some amazing donations of supplies and our cash total is up to £595.00!

