

Reynalds Cross School newsletter

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July 2026 Edition



Term



dates

REMAINING SUMMER TERM DATES

Term ends - Monday 20th July 2026 (INSET Day)

Last day for pupils - Friday 17th July

TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026

Term starts - 1st September 2026

Inset Day - 1st September 2026

Inset Day - 2nd September 2026

Inset Day - 23rd October 2026

Half-term - 26th October - 31st October 2026

Term ends - 18th December 2026

End of term holidays - 21st December - 1st January 2027

Spring Term 2027

Term starts - 4th January 2027

Inset Day - 4th January 2027

Inset Day 12th February 2027

Half-term - 15th February to 19th February 2027

Term ends - Thursday 25th March 2027

End of term holidays - 26th March - 9th April 2027

Summer Term 2027

Term starts - 12th April 2027

Bank holiday - Monday 3rd May 2027

Half-term - 31st May - 4th June 2027

Inset Day - 25th June 2027

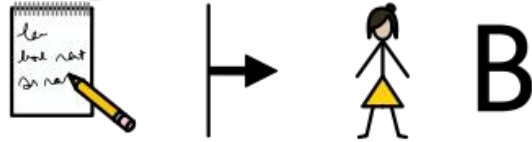
Term ends - Wednesday 21st July 2027

Training Days (pupils not in school)

(One extra inset day to be announced)



Message from Mrs Brettell



As another fantastic school year draws to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support, encouragement and partnership throughout the year. We are incredibly proud of all of our pupils and everything they have achieved and thank our staff and families for their role in supporting these successes.

Our children have demonstrated resilience, kindness, creativity and determination, making our school a wonderful place to learn and grow. Pupils have made outstanding effort and progress across all year groups.

This term has been full of memorable moments and achievements, including:

- Renny Day
- Father's Day Assembly
- Leaver's Assembly
- Prom

Saying Goodbye and Thank You



We would like to say a special goodbye to all of our pupil leavers this year and we wish them all the best for their futures.

At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to some valued members of staff who are moving on to new opportunities. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to:



Mr Raf who joined us in 2022. Raf has worked in various classes over the years and will be returning to Poland. We wish Raf all the best for the future and thank him for his support and contribution to the school over the years.

Sue Townsend, Assistant Headteacher will be retiring at the end of the term. Sue joined Reynolds Cross in 2001 and has spent the last 25 years dedicated to our children. We are so grateful for all of her support and dedication to the pupils throughout her time at Reynolds Cross. Although we say goodbye to Sue as Assistant Head we will welcome her back as our therapy dog practitioner, so I have no doubt you will still see her around with Daisy!

We also celebrate Miss Finn and Miss Patterson who are getting married to their partners over the Summer. We wish them many happy years married.

As we prepare for the new academic year, we look forward to welcoming our pupils back refreshed, rested and ready for new learning adventures. We hope that all our families enjoy a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer break. Whether you are travelling, spending time with family and friends, or simply enjoying some well-earned rest, we hope it is filled with happy memories.

Thank you once again for being part of our school community. We look forward to seeing everyone back in September.

Have a fabulous summer and don't forget sun cream!

Shooting Stars

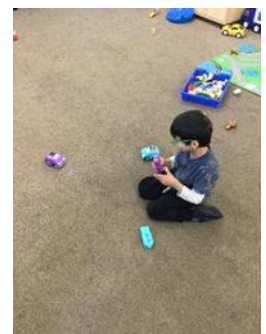
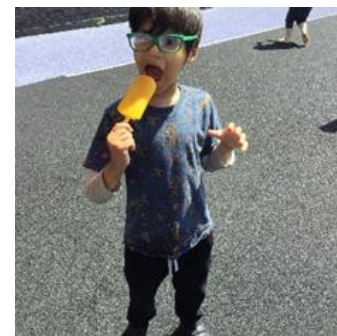


Shooting Stars

This term we have enjoyed the warmer weather. Investigating ice melting and water play, filling, emptying and pouring. It was a lovely treat to taste ice lollies out on the playground.

In our science sessions we have explored different materials, sorting cardboard, paper, metal and plastic into groups. We also used communication boards or symbols to label the sets. We continued using materials in art, to make collages and junk modelling.

We have fun choosing activities in choice time. A favourite choice is sensory movement, exploring the peanut ball, sensory tiles and sensory balance beams. Some of us really engaged when exploring the remote control cars.



Sunshines

 Over
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  term,
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  enjoyed
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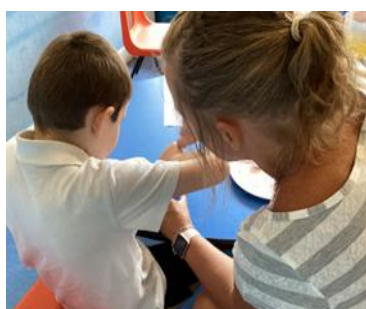
 different
  celebrations!

 Here
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  some
  of
  our
  learning
  around
  this.



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  our own
  music
  to move to.

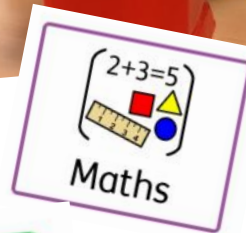
 We
  have
  explored
  reactions
  we
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  feel
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  a party.



 We
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  made
  party
  food
  to explore!



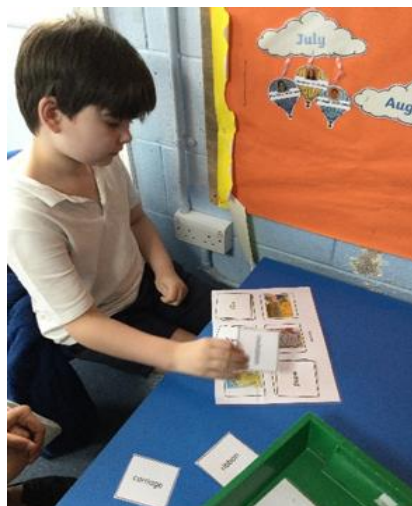
Planets





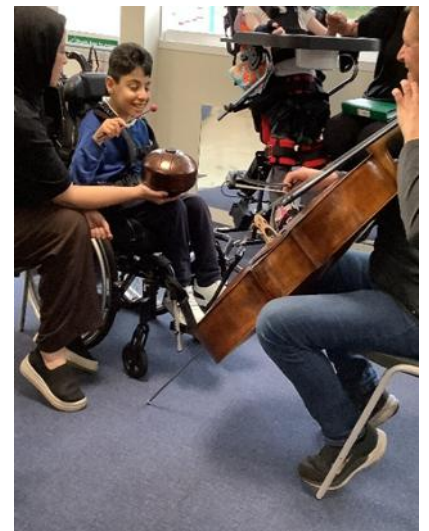
In reading this term, Rainbows class have completed activities linked to our stories Cinderella

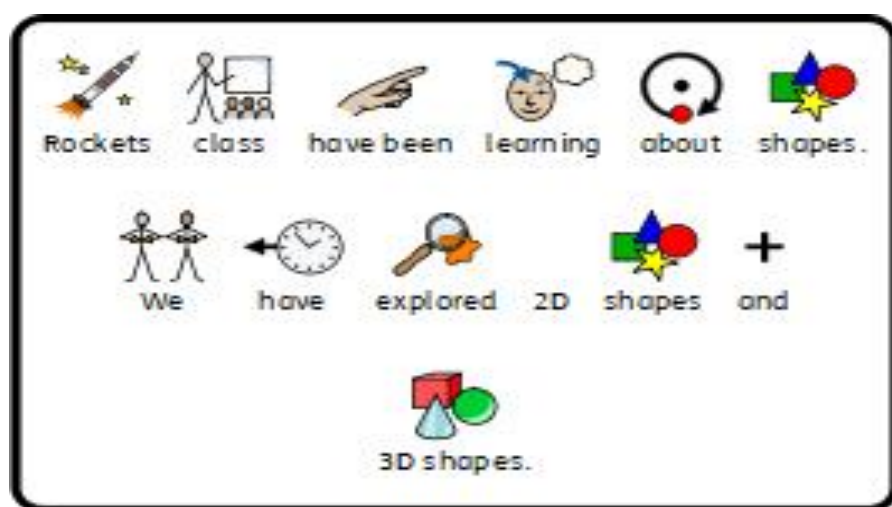
+ and Don't Wake the Bear, Hare!

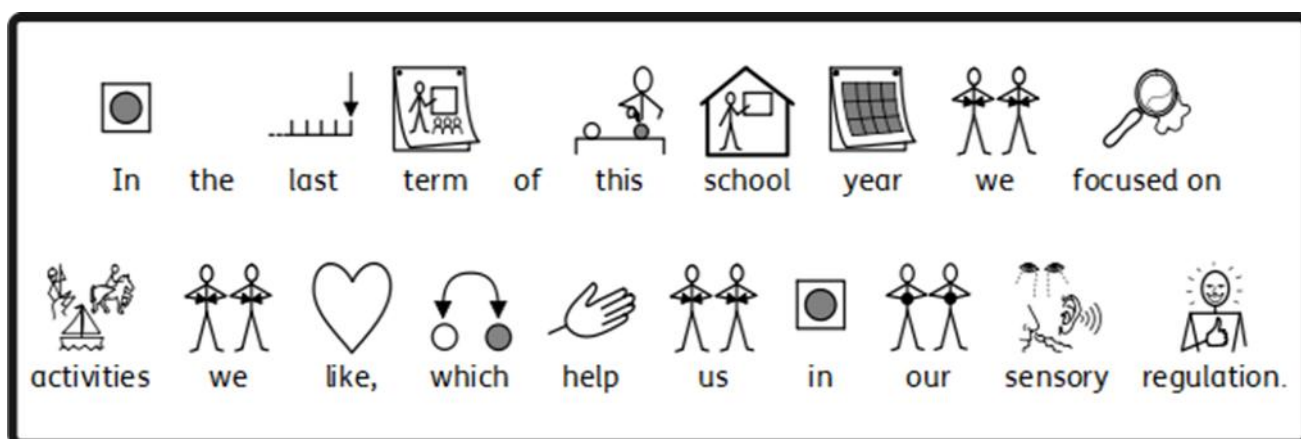
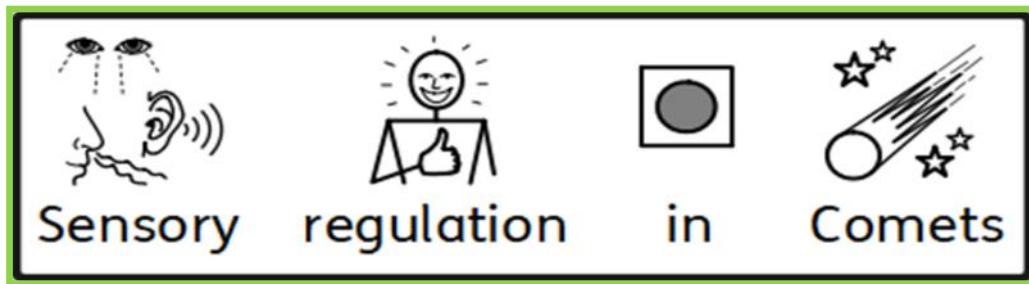


Moonbeams

Moonbeams have been experiencing live music sessions delivered by the musicians from CBSO. Everyone has enjoyed listening to the different sounds various instruments make and participated in the sessions enthusiastically.





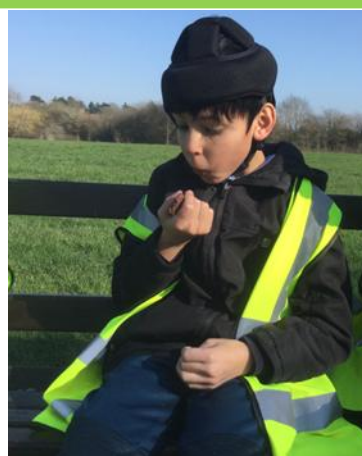


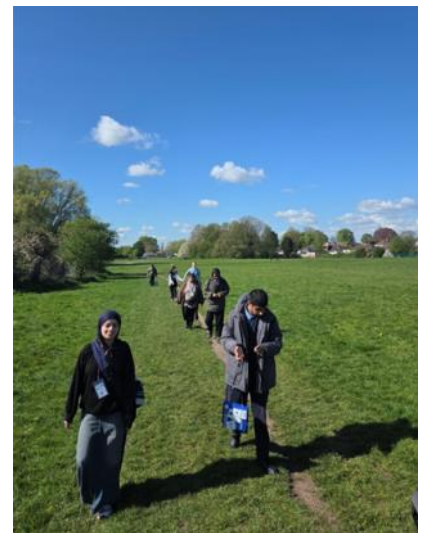


Galaxies this term celebrated Father's Day where we had a special assembly. Parent's and Guardians came into school to help design a beautiful frame to take home.

Galaxies have also been preparing for the Fifa World Cup 2026. Children made flags using different shapes to create the St George's Cross.







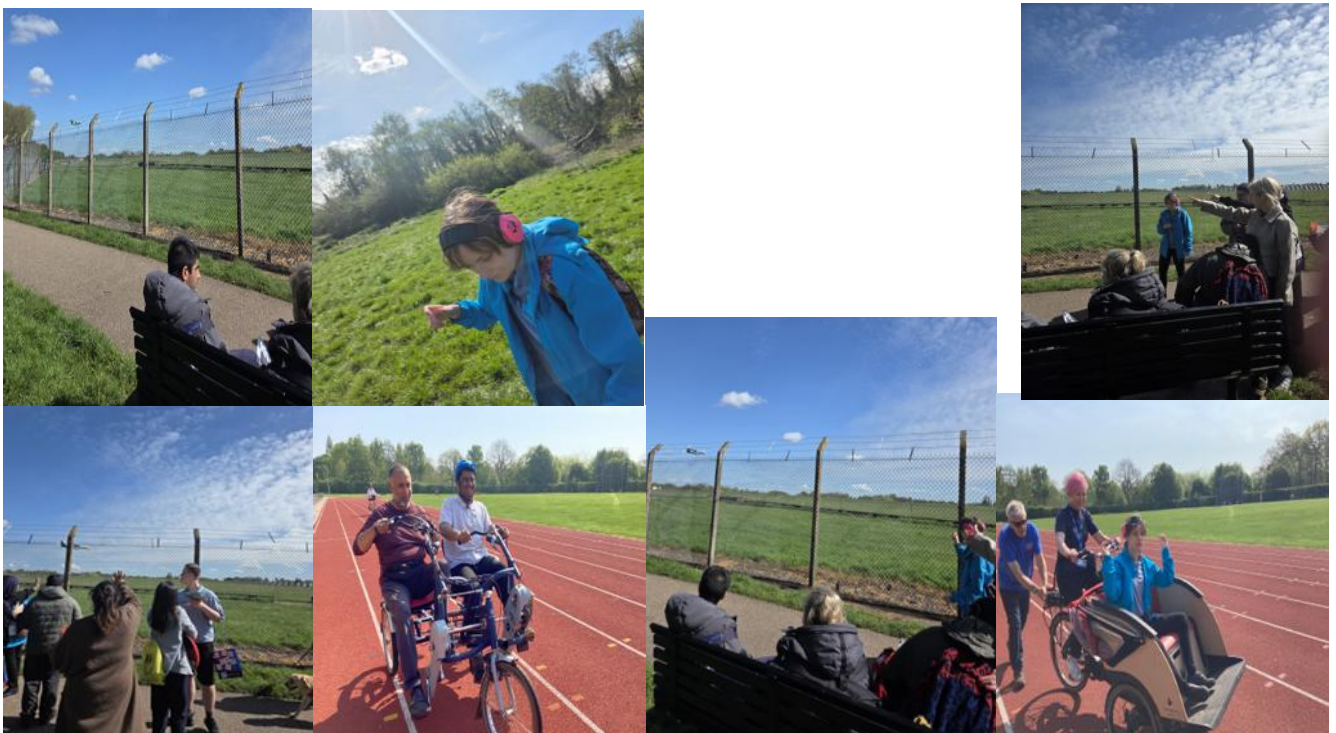
This term, Venus have been exploring different ways of travelling in the

community. Pupils have travelled on the school bus to visit Tudor Grange Park,

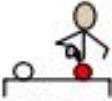
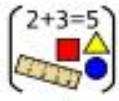
where they watched the trains and enjoyed riding bikes at Wheels for All.

They also walked from Sheldon Farm to the airport runway to watch the

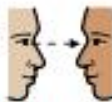
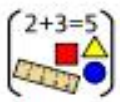
aeroplanes take off and land.



Mars

 This
  term
  pupils
  engaged
  with
  sensory
  maths.
  We

 focused on
  positions,
  directions
  and
  shapes.
  Pupils
  enjoyed

 and
  participated in
  Attention
  Autism
  sessions
  delivering
  maths.



Earth Base



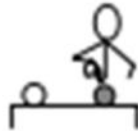
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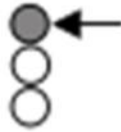
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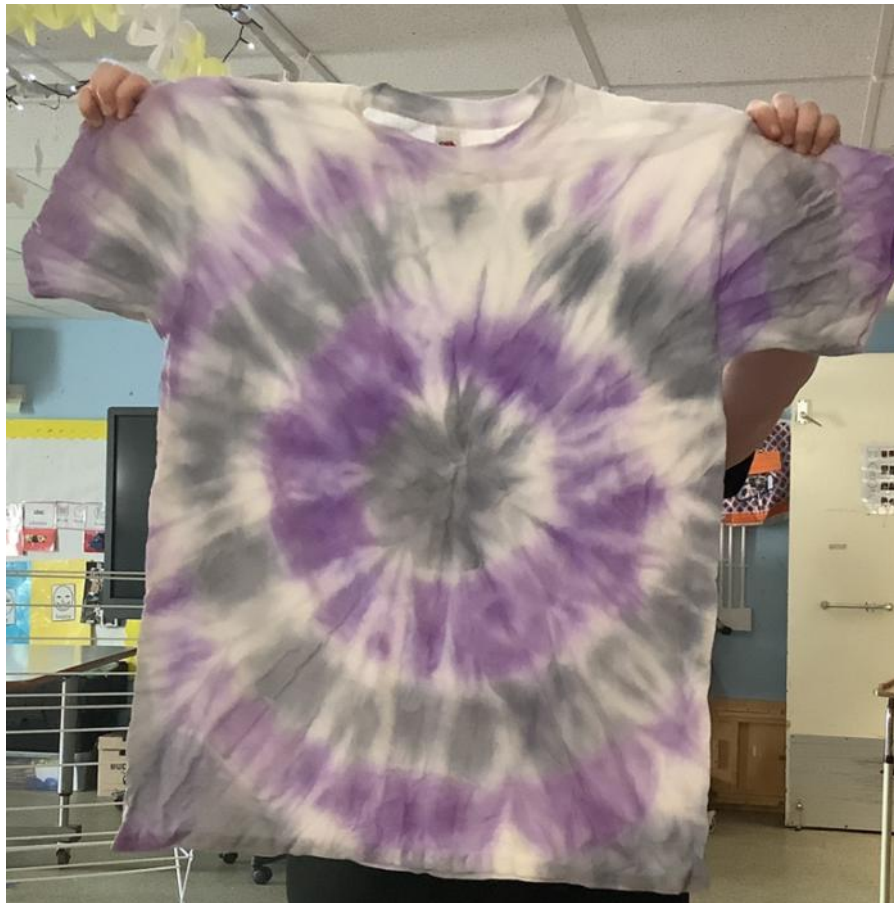


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Renny

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Jupiter



This
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 class
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 have been
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 the sensory story

Snow White.
 Each
 week
 we
 have been
 exploring
 differing
 part of the
 story.

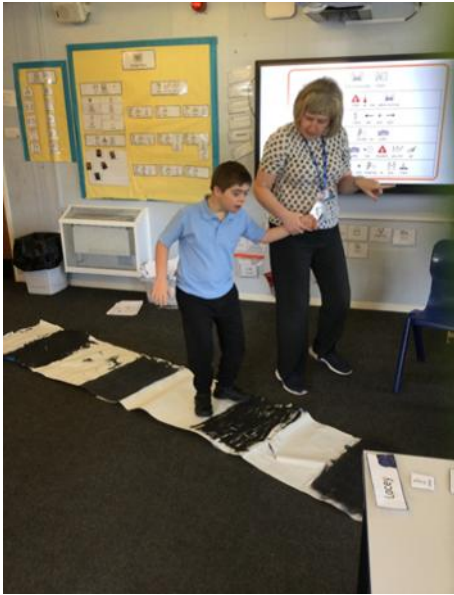
We
 have
 really
 enjoyed
 using
 the switches,
 practicing
 our
 life skills (cleaning)

+
 exploring
 the objects
 linked
 to the characters.

Saturn



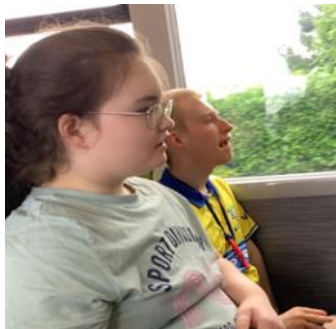
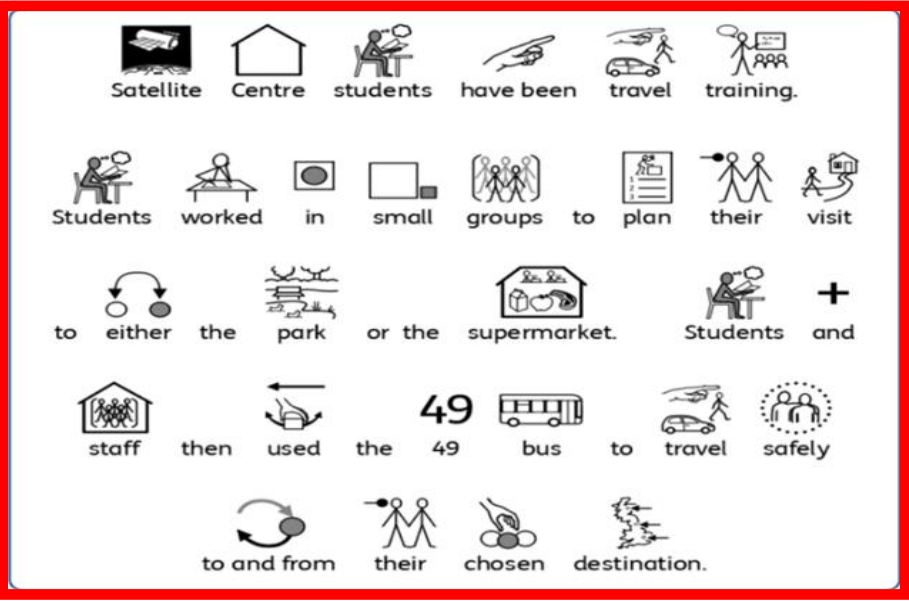
Neptune



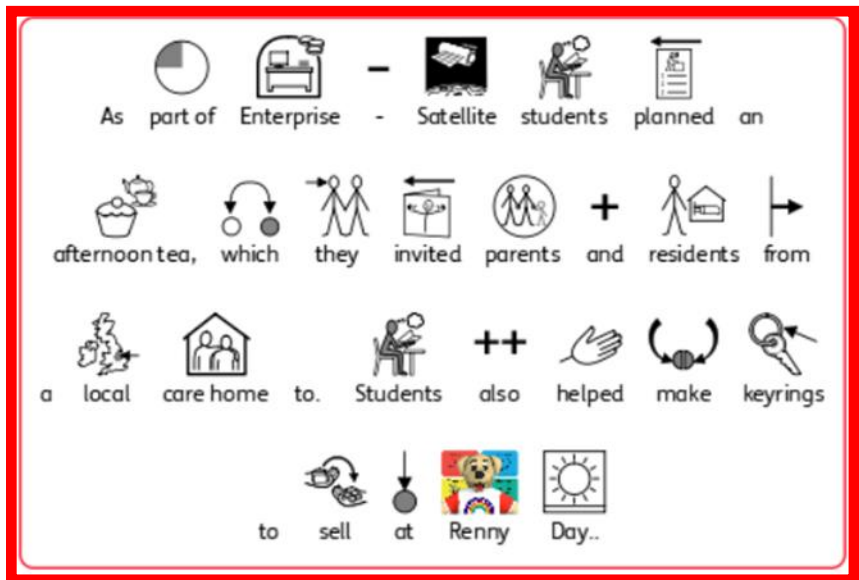
In My Community this term Neptune class have been looking at travelling in different ways. They have been practising how to be safe near a road and how to cross safely.



Satellite Centre



Satellite Centre



Forest School



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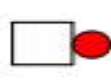
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Water play



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Information for parents during the summer break.

Supporting Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing During the Summer Holidays

As we approach the summer holidays, we know that for some families the change in routine can bring both excitement and challenges.

Although, schools are not open, please remember that you are not alone. If you have any concerns relating to medical emergencies or their mental health and/or emotional wellbeing, support is available. Please see useful contact details below:

Contacting the school

If there is any urgent information that you would need to inform school about, please feel free to [DoJo](#) or email : safeguarding@reynalds-cross.solihull.sch.uk

Medical emergencies

Call 999 or 112 for any medical emergency needs. These phone lines are available 24/7.

Solihull School Nursing Team

Although schools are closed during the summer holidays, **the Solihull School Nursing Team continues to work throughout the break**. If you would like advice, support or simply someone to talk to about your child's health or emotional wellbeing, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Telephone: 0121 713 8920

Email: solsspecialschools@uhb.nhs.uk

[We are still here for you and your family throughout the summer.](#)

Safeguarding concerns relating to harm or neglect:

If a child is in immediate danger call 999, otherwise, to report or discuss concerns please see contact information below. You should call the number relating to where the child lives.

Solihull Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub:

- 0121 788 4300 option 2 (Monday to Thursday 8:45am - 5:20pm, Friday 8:45am - 4.30pm),
- 0121 605 6060 (Evenings, weekends or bank holidays)

Birmingham Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub:

- 0121 303 1888 (Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 5.00 pm)
- 0121 675 4806 (Emergency out-of-hours)

Coventry Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub:

- 024 7678 8555 (Monday to Friday)
- 024 7683 2222 (Emergency out-of-hours)

Warwickshire Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub:

- 01926 414144 (Monday to Thursday: 8.30 am – 5.30 pm, Friday: 8.30 am – 5.00 pm)
- 01926 886922 (Emergency out-of hours)

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Advice and information - If you want to discuss your concerns or need advice e.g. if you are not sure whether your concerns are justified, you would like more information about issues like confidentiality or you would like to know what happens next (after you have reported your concerns), do one of the following:

- Call Childline on 0800 1111
- Call the NSPCC Helpline on 0808 800 5000

SOLAR (Solihull Approach to Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health)*

SOLAR provides emotional wellbeing and mental health support for children and young people who are registered with a Solihull GP.

- 0121 301 2750 (Monday to Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm)
- Out of Hours Crisis Team: 0121 301 5500 (ask for the SOLAR Crisis Team)

Website <https://www.bsmhft.nhs.uk/our-services/solar-youth-services>

Families can self-refer to SOLAR, or referrals can be made by schools, GPs and other professionals.

Forward Thinking Birmingham (FTB)*

Forward Thinking Birmingham provides mental health services for children and young people aged 0–25 years who are registered with a Birmingham GP.

- **Referral Management Centre: 0300 300 0099**
- **General Enquiries: 0121 262 3555**

Website: www.forwardthinkingbirmingham.nhs.uk

**(If your child is registered with a Birmingham GP, Forward Thinking Birmingham may be the most appropriate service.*

Children registered with a Solihull GP are usually supported through SOLAR.)

Your GP

Your GP can be a helpful first point of contact if you have concerns about your child's emotional wellbeing, mental health, behaviour or any changes you have noticed.

They can offer advice, discuss your concerns, provide support and, where appropriate, refer your child to specialist services such as children and young people's mental health services.

Other Helpful Organisations:

YoungMinds

Advice and practical support for parents, carers and young people.

Website: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk>

Place2Be

Resources to help children and families improve emotional wellbeing.

Website: <https://www.place2be.org.uk>

Kooth – Free Online Mental Wellbeing Support

Kooth is a free, safe and anonymous online mental wellbeing service for young people.

Website: <https://www.kooth.com>