

Friday 26th November, 2021.

Dates for your diary:

- **Open Morning: 10th December 2021**
- **Christmas Lunch/Christmas Sweater Day: 15th December 2021**
- **Last day of term: 17th December 2021**
- **First day of Spring Term: 4th January 2022**

Dear Parents/Carers,

You will have received this week letters informing you about our Open day on Friday 10th December 2021. We are pleased to be able to have the opportunity to welcome parents back into the school and we know that the children are excited to show off their learning to you. Please can you let us know whether or not you can attend and how many of you will be coming to allow us to organise appointments and to ensure we have refreshments available. If you have not received this letter please contact reception. On the day there will be Meetings with the teachers, E-safety workshops for parents and a range of stalls where the pupils will be running games or selling things they have made to raise further funds for the school. The children are busy learning a song which will be recorded and shown on the day.

Hopefully you will have found the information sent home last week relating to setting parental controls on children's mobile devices useful. If you would like any further support with this please get in contact or bring them along on the day and I will try to help you get them set up correctly.

Thank you to the parents who have been engaging with Tapestry. We hope that you are enjoying seeing your children's learning and being able to share with us what you have been doing at home. On the Open morning there will be an opportunity for those of you who haven't seen this yet to have a look. If you have had any trouble with Tapestry or you haven't received a log in email please contact us.

Hope you have a good weekend.

Danielle Harry

Mercury

Mercury has had a good week! We learnt our 2x 4x and our 6x timetables this week in maths. Pupils listened to timetables songs for better memory recall throughout the week and then put their practice into work which they were completing. Focus on work has been good and the boys have been completing their tasks. We continued with the BFG book, pupils also engaged in reading eggs to work on reading/phonics skills. We learnt about earthquakes this week with a quiz and sorting cards activity that the pupils liked as it was practical learning. Clip and climb on Tuesday was brilliant, behaviour and attitude was really strong! Pupils climbed all the walls and some were competing with each other! Musical statues and sensory sessions took place this week for the students, which they thoroughly enjoyed and was engaged in. Pupils have been a lot more kind to each other this week and have demonstrated as a class, they can form good friendships which are consistent with one another.

Pluto

Pluto this week has had a break from the Polar Regions. We have watched a film called Robin, Robin and have been doing a range of learning activities based around that. The children really enjoyed this film and had interesting discussion around the characters actions and how they were feeling. We used this to think about ourselves and what we are good at. We have started each day with a Go Noodle movement activity to help wake up our brains after the long taxi journeys. In maths we have solved maths challenges based on the film. The pupils have been really resilient with all the changes this week.

Jupiter:

This week, Jupiter have been working on time. They have shown us what they know, all about hours, minutes, half an hours and how many hours in a day/ days in a year. In English, we have been working on our Biomes about the Arctic and started on the rainforest. In cooking, we tried to cook tacos or wraps. We had a really good trip to Tilgate Park – where we played on the outside exercise equipment/ had a look at the lake and even had a go on the adventure playground. Well done Jupiter on a very positive week.

Mars

We have continued working in the style of Brian Moses' poem *Walking with my Iguana*, in English this week. First we chose an animal then we found lots of rhyming words. Next we wrote our own poems using the same style and rhythm. We were so proud of these that we went and performed them to Neptune class and Miss Harry.

In maths we have been looking at properties of shapes, finding parallel and perpendicular lines, quadrilaterals and remembering angles from previous learning. In history we have written a story board about Aztec gods that we are going to turn into a film next week.

In science we looked at changes in habitats and how we have affected the lives of wildlife. We went outside and drew plan maps and then thought about ways that we could help the animals such as building tunnels for hedgehogs to pass.

In geography we learned about Ernest Shackleton and created cartoon character to show his life events



Galaxy:

Nearly Christmas!!! As our thoughts turn to the Yuletide period, we continue to focus, re-engage, reintegrate and progress. We have been exploring invertebrates and vertebrates, working out what the differences are and trying to spot them around the school grounds. We have been exploring the Anglo-Saxons and uncovering a range of incredible facts not even the staff knew.

Camouflage hide and seek has stimulated learning in animals adaptations and reasons for them, as well as unlocking the secrets to hiding successfully- shape, sound, shine, silhouette, and shade. Off the back of this discovery, we identified a number of animals that have adapted and use these principles to wither hunt successfully or avoid predators.

Some really fun learning Galaxy. Well done.

Saturn

We have continued our Polar region learning this week in English. We have been working on retelling the story of Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers. We created a story map which will help us to create our own version of the story using the puppets we created. I was so proud of the efforts the children made in creating their own characters from the story.

In maths we have been learning how to represent equal groups using repeated addition, arrays and multiplication expressions.

We explored healthy eating by sampling different lunch box foods and introducing the nutrition labels on the packaging.

We were joined in Outdoor learning by a pupil from Galaxy. We spontaneously started a game of catch and it was wonderful seeing all of the boys engage in this and socialise so positively with pupils outside our class group.



Titan

Titan class have been very busy this week especially as it has been a shorter week for the boys. Although they came back on Tuesday feeling a bit under the weather, most of them very quickly turned it around and the change was noticeable on Wednesday when most of them tried their best and showed kindness and respect to each other.

In Maths, this week we have focused on multiplication, column method in particular, and although most children in Titan found that a bit challenging at the beginning, they have started showing good understanding of the method as the week progressed; they had to use the method in problem solving activities on Thursday, so well done children!

In English this week we have focused on improving and editing their stories from last week, as well as looking at noun phrases and fronted adverbials; the children looked at two types of animals – the sloth bear and the marshmallow frog – to show their understanding of the two new concepts; they all did a brilliant job on describing them.

In History we looked at Ancient Maya and the children had to produce an informative leaflet to show facts about the Maya civilisation.

Neptune

It has been a very productive week this week even though it was only a four day week! In maths we have been tackling time and reading analogue clocks. We have made it fun through doing lots of games and practical activities. The boys are now confidently reading o'clock, half past and quarter past the hour.

In English the boys have started writing their books about the arctic to go with the biome models they have made. They discovered how harsh life can be there through watching video clips of a young Inuit boy learning to build an igloo and hunting with his father. They were also intrigued by the Inuit throat singing.

For history, they explored Mayan sports and hobbies and found out that modern day soccer can trace its roots back to Mayan times! In art, they are working hard on a jungle themed painting. They have painted three different backgrounds thinking about: a stormy sky, night sky and sunny sky. During our horse riding session, the boys have honed their trotting skills and learnt how to manage when riding their horse in a big group. We also managed to squeeze in some time in the kitchen and the boys made use of the lovely fresh eggs we have to make either scrambled eggs, French toast or fried eggs. One of the boys even went home at the end of the day and cooked scrambled eggs for his mum!! What a busy week we have had.

DINE

WITH MIQUILL

**WEEK
FOUR**

DINE
WITH MIQUILL
Main Meal

DINE
WITH MIQUILL
Vegetarian Meal

Dessert
STOP
Sweet choices

MONDAY

Meat Free Monday

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Vegetable & Mixed Bean
Chilli Con Carne
Rice
Sweetcorn

Yoghurt Bar
Flavoured Yoghurt & Toppings

TUESDAY

Sausage Plait
Pork Sausage Meat
Encrust in Crispy Puff
Parsley New Potatoes & Green Beans

Vegetarian Sausage Plait
Red Lentil & Cheddar
Encrust in Crispy Puff
Parsley New Potatoes & Green Beans

Fresh Fruit Salad
Freshly Cut Seasonal Fruit

WEDNESDAY

Roast Turkey
Roast Turkey Breast
Crispy Roast Potatoes,
Honey Roasted Carrots & Parsnips
Rich Gravy

Veggie Sausages
Vegetarian Sausages
Crispy Roast Potatoes,
Honey Roasted Carrots & Parsnips
Gravy

Bread & Butter Pudding
Vanilla Custard

THURSDAY

Mac "n" Cheese
Classic Macaroni
Cheese with Crispy Bacon & Smoked Paprika
Garlic Bread
Broccoli Florets

Mac "n" Cheese
Classic Macaroni
Cheese with Crispy Onion & Pesto
Garlic Bread
Broccoli Florets

Upside Down Cake
Pineapple Upside down
Cake with Pouring Cream

FRIDAY

Grab & Go
Grilled Sausages
Or
Crispy Bacon
In a Roll
Chunky Chips

Grab & Go
Veggie Sausages
In a Roll
Chunky Chips

Chocolate Brownie

JACKET POTATOES WITH VARIOUS FILLINGS & BAGUETTE/ WRAPS WITH VARIOUS FILLINGS ARE AVAILABLE DAILY.



This menu will commence: 27th September 1st November 29th November