



# Mercury classroom news

## What we are learning...

**Topic:** The whole school topic this half-term is 'The Great, The Bold and The Brave.' In Mercury we will focus on three story books that feature brave characters and examples of courage: *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, *Jack and the Beanstalk* and *The Storm Whale in Winter*. We will also discuss times in our lives when we and people we know have been brave.

**Phonics:** In phonics we will learn to read and write the following letter sounds: s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, ck, e, u, r, h, b, f, ff, l, ll and ss. When the children have learned enough of these sounds to form simple words, we will begin reading and having a go at writing some basic words, e.g. *pin*, *mat*, *puff*, etc. We will also learn how to read the following tricky words: *I*, *no*, *the*, *to*, *go* and *into*.

**Maths:** In Maths we will look at a new number each week, starting with 1 and then moving on to 2 and so on. As we get to the higher numbers we will look at different ways these numbers can be made (e.g. 6 can be made up of  $6 + 0$ ,  $5 + 1$ ,  $4 + 2$  and  $3 + 3$ ). We will also be counting objects, sorting objects by different criteria (e.g. by shape and size), comparing amounts of objects and ordering sets of objects by their amount.

## Our values

Thankfulness &  
Respect

To appreciate the  
beauty and bounty  
of the world around  
us and to value the  
families, gifts and  
opportunities that  
we have been given.

## Reminders...

PE will be on Wednesday afternoons. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their outdoor PE kit (dark, plain jogging bottoms, white t-shirt, warm hooded top and trainers). PE kits will be worn all day on Wednesdays.

Although we cannot operate our usual open-door policy, please do not hesitate to make a telephone appointment or email [admin@kf.starmat.uk](mailto:admin@kf.starmat.uk) if you have any questions or concerns.

## Dates for your diary...

Class photo with the Selby Times - 18/9/20  
School photos - 21/9/20  
Flu immunisations - 5/10/20  
Half term begins - 26/10/20

As it is difficult to welcome families into the school at this time, we would really appreciate it if you could send in a picture of your family which your child can share with the rest of the class. We will then display them in the entrance to the classroom. Since we are unable to go on a school trip this half term, perhaps you could go on your own bear hunt, either at home or when you are out and about.