



Mercury classroom news

What we are learning...

Topic:

The topic this half-term is 'The Big Idea: Inventions.' In Mercury we will focus on four story books that feature inventions and imagination: *Whatever Next*, *On Sudden Hill*, *Stanley Stick* and *Olivia Forms a Band*. We will also discuss what we can make using everyday items such as cardboard boxes.

Phonics: In phonics we will continue to 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. We will now be reading and writing simple words and phrases/ sentences, e.g. *A big cat on a mat*. We will also continue to learn how to read the following tricky words: *I, no, the, to, go and into*. We will also be introducing a new set of tricky words: *he, she, we, me, be, you, all, are, her, was, they and my*.

Maths: In Maths we will continue to look at a new number each week, we will start our first week with 7 and then move on to 8 and so on. We will look at different ways these numbers can be made (e.g. 7 can be made up of $7 + 0$, $6 + 1$, $5 + 2$ and $4 + 3$). We will also be looking at one more and one less than a number to 10, looking at flat and solid shapes and looking at time (sequencing events in a day, saying the days of the week and the months of the year).

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 continue to be on Wednesdays. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing warm outdoor PE kit (jogging bottoms, white t-shirt, warm hoodie and trainers).
- Please ensure your child has a spare set of clothes in school, including a plastic bag for their wet/ dirty clothes.
- Although we cannot operate our usual open-door policy, please do not hesitate to make a telephone appointment or email admin@kf.starmat.uk if you have any questions or concerns.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 19th November
World Toilet Day - come dressed in something blue and bring a donation if you can

Thursday 17th
December
Christmas Lunch Day & Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 18th December
Christmas holiday begins