



Mercury classroom news

What we are learning...

Topic: Our Wonderful World

In this topic we will be learning about nature and looking at the seasons. We will be planting seeds and learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. We will also be talking about how we can look after the environment.

We will be reading the following books: *Ten Seeds* by Ruth Brown, *Don't Throw That Away* by Lara Bergen, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle, *One Year With Kipper* by Mick Inkpen, *Oliver's Fruit Salad* by Vivien French and *Yucky Worms* by Vivian French.

Phonics:

We will be revisiting the tricky digraphs and trigraphs (e.g. ai, oa, ar, ur, er, oi, ure, ow, air, igh, ear) in Phase 3, as well as introducing some Phase 4 words. Please help your child at home by using the PhonicsPlay website. Click on resources, Phase 3, choose a game and then click on the sound you want to practise. We will be learning the Phase 3 tricky words: *we, me, be, she, he, all, are, they, her, my was* and *you*. We will also be introducing Phase 4 tricky words: *said, have, like, so, do, some, come, little, one, were, out, what, when* and *there*.

Maths:

This half term in maths we will be focusing on numbers to 20, addition and subtraction. We will also look at money, identifying coins, discussing their value and adding amounts together. Please help your child by looking at coins at home. You could even practise adding some of them together!

Our values

Forgiveness & Respect

Forgiveness says you are given another chance to make a new beginning - Desmond Tutu

Dates for your diary

Monday 3rd May Bank Holiday - School closed

Friday 28th May

Last day of the half term

Reminders...

- PE will continue to be on Tuesdays. 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 Tuesdays.

Homework

- Please ensure that your child reads at home at least three times a week.
- Please use Numbots to support your child in maths. Numbots certificates will be given out every Friday.
- I love hearing about all the great learning that goes on at home. Please send any photos and observations to: eyfsobservations@kf.star.mat.uk