



Mercury classroom news

What we are learning...

Topic: Going Places

In this topic we will be learning about holidays and visiting different places. We will have a camping role-play area, make boats, learn about the seaside and think about what it might feel like to walk through the jungle.

We will be reading the following books: *The Camping Trip* by Jennifer K. Mann, *Mr Gumpy's Outing* by John Burningham, *The Snail and the Whale* by Julia Donaldson, *Lucy and Tom at the Seaside* by Shirley Hughes and *We're Roaming in the Rainforest* by Laurie Krebs.

Phonics:

This half term we will be moving on to Phase 4. In this phase children will explore more polysyllabic words (words containing more than one syllable). Many of the words in Phase 2 and 3 required children to blend approximately three sounds together in order to read them. Phase 4 requires children to blend a greater number of sounds together. They will be reading words such as *brush*, *scarf* and *stairs*.

Maths:

This half term in maths we will be doubling and halving numbers. This will be completed using objects, although I know many children can already double numbers to 5! The children will also be learning in groups how to share out objects equally. We will continue to focus on a number each week so that children begin to understand that fifteen, for example, is made up of a ten and five ones.

Our values

Forgiveness & Respect

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

Dates for your diary

Friday 16th July
Transition Day - Y1
taster day

Friday 23rd July
Final day of term

Reminders...

- PE will continue to be on Wednesdays. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their outdoor PE kit.
- As the weather has warmed up, please ensure sun cream is applied before school and your child has a sunhat to protect them from the sun.
- Homework
- Please listen to your child read at home at least three times a week.
- Please encourage your child to use the Numbots game to support their maths; it really helps them with their mental arithmetic. A Numbots certificate will be given out every Friday to the child who has spent the most time playing the game.
- I love hearing about all the great learning the children do at home. Please send any photos and observations to: eyfsobservations@kf.starm.at.uk