



Mercury Class Newsletter

November 2020



DEAR FAMILIES

I hope everybody made the most of their week off. I've heard about interesting visits the children made to Legoland, Africa Alive and to see family.

The children bounced back into the classroom on Monday with beaming faces and lots to say.

Please remember to send reading books to be changed on Mondays.

Homework this half term will take the form of a 'Menu' - a selection of activities for you to dip into. This will be posted on Google Classroom, but I will also send a paper copy home. Children who complete homework tasks win a marble for the class jar - which they are very keen to fill!

REMINDERS

Children in Mercury Class have P.E. on Tuesdays.

Please ensure your child comes into school dressed in their P.E. kit.

The government have been providing some fruit for KS1 morning break. If you would like your child to have a different healthy snack during morning break, you will need to provide this. Fruit, dried fruit, savory crackers and cheese cubes are all good options.

Children will be thinking about the inspirational Suffolk artists John Constable and Ed Sheer

CURRICULUM

**Our main topics this term are:
Inspirational people who help us
and
Inspirational people from Suffolk**

In English children will be responding to class texts: 'Mog and the V.E.T' by Judith Kerr and moving on to look at some non-fiction texts about people who help us. They will primarily continue work on writing in sentences, with the year two children learning to extend and check their sentences.

Addition and subtraction are the basis of Maths this half term, building on the place value skills developed over the last weeks. Help your year 1 child by presenting them with questions like 'Sally has ten apples, she gives two to Henry. How many does she have now?' Encourage them to use their fingers. Year two children should be able to consider questions like 'Jemima has 5 packets of ten pencils and two more single pencils- how many is that?'

In science children we will build on knowledge gained last half term by continuing to look into the natural world- making 'Choice Chambers' for woodlice, thinking about care of pets and creating imaginary animals. In computing, children will be working on 'Scratch' and starting to learn about algorithms and code. For more information about our curriculum this half term, please visit the school website.

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