

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the latest edition of the Gazette. It was great to see so many of you at the Parents Evening this week and we hope it was a useful meeting to find out more about your child's progress. We're now half way through the academic year and I'd like to thank those of you that spent some time completing the Parent Survey - this will enable us to look at what we are doing well and what we need to improve. I'll aim to share the result of this later this month.



## Diary Dates

What's coming up in March/ April?

Friday 17th March - Red Nose day  
Date TBC - Science day on connections

Dates TBC - Easter celebrations

Thursday 23rd March PE Blast

Monday 27th March - focus on computing

Friday 31st March - The last day of term

Monday 17th April - PD day - No pupils at school or Nursery

Tuesday 18th April - Pupils back to school

## Star Class – February News

Star Class have all become detectives around the classroom, after reading and enjoying the book *The Detective Dog*. Under our magnifying glasses we could see how natural materials such as leaves had veins running through them and that we thought the leaves might be old because around the edges they were going brown. This led us as a group to think about plants and how plants all start off as seeds and what components might be required to help a seed grow in to flowers. Helping us to begin to understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant. Some of the children have planted flower seeds, which are growing nicely, in the classroom. Ready to transport to our garden, when warmer days are here.

We have all made a fantastic effort in getting ourselves independently ready to go outside in to the garden, putting on our own shoes and coats, fantastic work Star Class! We have continued to explore our emotions, using our emotion stones, learning how to use our voices and express our needs and above all being kind. The children have been using pencils to draw with, discussing and thinking about our drawings, adding meaning and relevance to our creating a picture. Finally, it has been a month for constructing, selecting and using the shapes appropriately to make towns for our cars to drive through and a village and homes for our dogs to live in.





## Mercury Class Spring Term Learning (so far!)

After returning from their half term break, the children have thrown themselves into their new learning adventures!

We often say in Mercury class that 'we are writers,' or 'we are mathematicians' or 'we are scientists,' as each day offers us so many different subjects!

Here are some photos of a few things we have been up to; these include our practical Maths work, our team building from D.T. and our smiling faces!

They have all come back with such great enthusiasm and I look forward to our next half term together!

Miss Barnett



## Sun Class

The children have returned to school with great enthusiasm for learning and are continuing to enjoy the focus of traditional tales. It is great to hear them say 'Mrs Mayes I love writing', Mrs Mayes I persevered'.

This week we are focusing on The 3 Billy Goats Gruff and have experienced building bridges for the goats, making trolls and writing about them and counting with beads.

Writing will continue to be a very important part of the curriculum with a wealth of opportunities provided to create confident and independent writers.

