Newsletter

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Key Dates

20/10/2023– Last day of term 1
23/10/2023- Half term starts
27/10/2023– Half term ends
30/10/2023—Inset day
31/10/2023– Inset day
01/11/2023– Inset day
02/11/2023- Term 2 starts
15/12/2023- Term 2 ends
18/12/2023– Half term starts
29/12/2023– Half term ends
01/01/2024– Bank holiday
02/01/2024– Inset day
03/01/2024– Term 3 starts
09/02/2024– Term 3 ends
12/02/2024– Half term starts
16/02/2024– Half term ends
19/02/2024– Term 4 starts
29/03/2024– Bank holiday
01/04/2024– Bank holiday
02/04/2024– Half term starts
12/04/2024– Half term ends
15/04/2023– Term 5 starts
03/05/2024– Inset day
06/05/2024– Bank holiday
24/05/2024– Term 5 ends
27/05/2024– Half term starts
31/05/2024– Half term ends
03/06/2024– Term 6 starts
05/07/2024– Inset day
19/07/2024– Term 6 ends
22/07/2024– Inset day

Safeguarding

October is Black History month.

Black History Month 2023 - Celebrating our Sisters

Head Teacher's Update:

As we approach the conclusion of the First term at Neptune School, I am filled with a sense of pride and gratitude for the incredible journey we have undertaken together. The classrooms, once charged with the anticipation of a new academic year, have transformed into dynamic spaces of collaboration and intellectual exploration. It is heartening to observe the camaraderie and support that our school community has fostered. I express my sincere appreciation to both students and parents for contributing to the positive and enriching environment at Neptune School. I eagerly anticipate the continued success and development that the coming terms will undoubtedly bring.

Pupil Update **Max and Ryan :** In maths we have started our new topic of algebra. We have made good progress in this and are now confident exchanging numbers for letters. In English we have continued to build up our different poetic devices so that (soon) when we have a go at writing our own poems we will have these word banks for devices like alliteration, onomatopoeia, rhyme, metaphor and simile. In out topic lessons we have been continuing to learn about "the human machine", this week learning the Latin names of the main bones in the skeleton and what they are used for!

Safeguarding information:

Designated Safeguarding Lead: **Shane Villa-Hayes– 0330 135 8202.**
Deputy designated safeguarding leads: **Jamie Wright or Creslyn Singh on– 0330 135 8202.**
If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead.

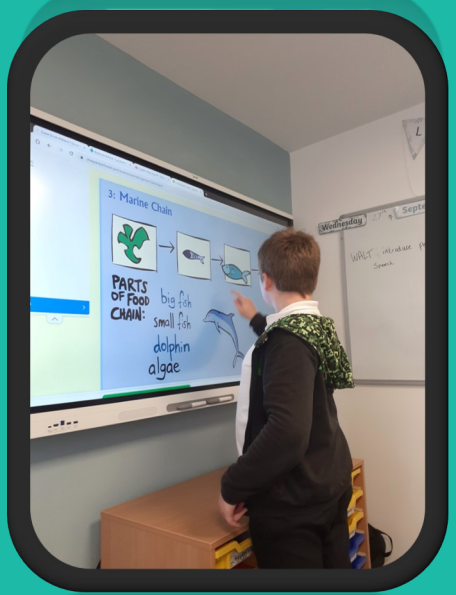
This term in..

In cove class we have continued to make great progress both academically and socially, connecting with peers and forming new friendships. Cove have also continued to enjoy many sensory activities, spending time outside and performing puppet shows. We have really enjoyed cooking this term, making many things from sushi, upside down pineapple cake to the grimace shake. We have had achievements in Trampolining with Drew gaining his Level 1!

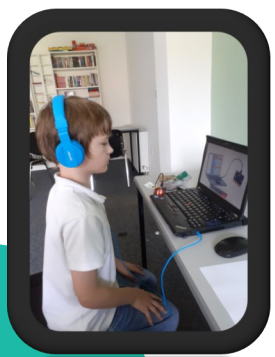
In Fjord class we have had a busy few weeks. We have regularly attended trampolining sessions at Kingswood Gym, engaged in lots of learning and explored our Stargazers topic even further. Making space themed crafts and art pieces has been a highlight . Using new materials such as oil pastels for a galaxy piece and potato printing when illustrating the lunar cycle. We are very much looking forward to lots of Halloween activities!

In Spring class On Tuesday 10th October it was World Mental Health Day. Spring Class spent some quality time together chatting over tea and cake. Both Niy and Oscar were able to show great social communication skills throughout.

In Lagoon class this term we have been learning about addition and subtraction for numbers up to 10,000 in Maths. In English, following our class book, we have been focusing on persuasive writing. We have focused on persuasive features so that we can write our own persuasive letters. In Topic we have continued to learn about the Blue Abyss, we have taken a trip to Bristol Aquarium to find facts about the sea creatures, listen to a talk and feed as well as created our own observational drawing of our favourite sea creature. We have also focused on food chains in the deep blue sea as well as how some sea creatures have adapted to survive. We are also in the middle of creating a Dungeons and Dragons club that we are looking forward to starting next term!



In Delta, we now have all pupils in for full days following their transitions. We have continued to work on building relationships, developing our social skills and learning to work together. As a class, we have a shared interest in various YouTube videos, "Guess the ...". This has become part of our day-to-day routine. We are very much looking forward to seeing what we get up to over the next few weeks leading up to half term.

In Lake class this term we have been enjoying cooking a variety of different dishes from chicken nuggets and battered fish to white choc chip cookies and enchiladas. We have been exploring the woods and den building offsite as well as onsite. In maths we have been looking at number sequencing and in English we have been reading the book called ‘Wonder’. We enjoyed making papier mache masks from the book ‘Wonder’.
We have also continued to work hard at trampolining and improving our trampolining skills.

In Bay class this term, as well as continuing with our treehouse project, we will be starting a guitar club for students at Neptune school so they can become a Nep-Tune! We will be ordering different types of guitars with varied sizes and focus on teaching basic skills such as chords, scales, riffs, bends, hammer on's and much, much more.