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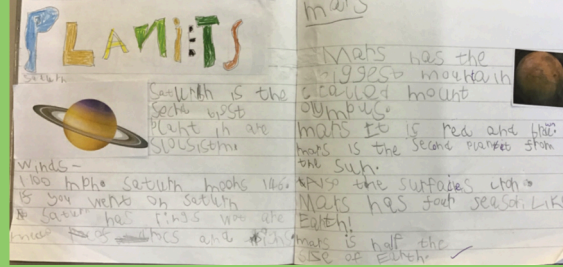
Mulberry Class

This week, Mulberry visited the Coggeshall Library. The librarian read them two stories and the children voted on their favourite. They also helped choose 6 Space topic books to bring back to the class. They have also been practising their counting and making moving rockets.



Years 1 & 2

Children in KS1 have been making fact files about planets and The Solar System. They have included some nice fonts and pictures in their work. Here is William's writing:



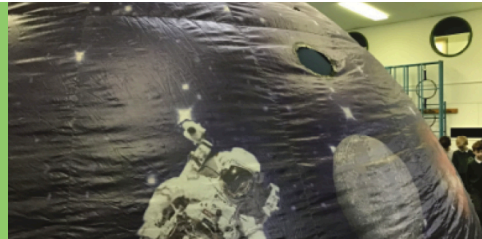
Maths in the real world

Over the last few weeks, members of the parent community have been coming in to talk to different classes about how they use Maths in their jobs so our children can understand how we apply our Maths skills in real life. Here you can see Mr McNulty in action! He was setting Year 5 and 6 some challenges around calculating profits and costs.



Planetarium visit

Last week, KS1 and UKS2 enjoyed a visit from a mobile, inflatable Planetarium visit as part of our space topics. We were able to sit inside and see the star constellations projects and look at some samples of meteorites and lunar rock. We also found out more about the planets and Sun.



Pantomime... oh yes it was!

KS2 were lucky to have the opportunity to watch a pantomime called Captain Wonderweb and Puss in Boots, with a PSHCE theme. Naturally there was lots of singing and interaction, getting us ready for the full Christmas panto season!



Primary school admissions

A reminder from Essex County Council:

The primary school (Reception) admission round opened on Monday 6 November 2023, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in Sept 2024.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 15 January 2024.

From 6 November 2023, applications can be made online via:

www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

99% of parents in Essex applied online last year. All of the application information is available on the website above.

FOSP update

We're pleased to announce that the Fireworks fundraising total is over £7,800 thanks to everyone's hard work and the match funding. This was such a successful event due to all the people who volunteered their time in advance, on the day and in the clean up, thank you!

We are experiencing real difficulties with volunteer numbers at the moment. At the moment, we have barely anyone for the set up of the Christmas Fayre or to be on a number of the stalls. In the past we have managed to scramble enough people at the last minute and we're grateful for that but things are getting really close to the wire again and it's putting too much strain on the committee. Please do add your name to our volunteer sign up if you can help with any part of the Christmas activities: <https://volunteersignup.org/L8FMC>

We'll be sending home a letter shortly with a full rundown of the FOSP Christmas activities, but here are 4 for your attention:

- The post box for letters for Father Christmas will open on the 27th of November with a last posting date of the 6th of December: more details to follow.

- 1st of December is a non-uniform day. The children are asked to bring in a chocolate item such as a bar or box of chocolates, a selection box or chocolate reindeer in exchange for wearing their own clothes. These donations will then be sorted and go to the FOSP Tombola stall at Coggeshall Christmas on the 2nd of December.

- 7th of December is the Christmas Fayre, from 3.30pm-5.00pm This is a wonderful event where year 5&6s run their own home made stalls, teachers run stalls and we have hot dogs and mulled wine too.

- The popular FOSP Christmas present stall will be on 8th, 14th and the 15th of December. For those of you not familiar with the gift stall, this is how it works: Santa's elves have been busy collecting a wide variety of gifts, there's usually always something suitable for most family members. A stall is set up during lunch time at school for the children to come and choose a gift for you and anybody else you would like them too. The present is wrapped and labelled and taken home. The children love the independence of choosing their own gifts and you get a lovely surprise! (Although not all children can keep it a secret and others often choose what they like, chocolates are often popular!) Each gift will cost £3. A letter will soon be sent home with your child with details of payment methods but one way is through Ticketsource - please make sure to add your child's class details: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/friends-of-st-peters-school-coggeshall>

A lot of time goes into all of the above events and in order not to cancel any of them, we need a number of volunteers to support us. If you can help, please add your name to our sign up sheet: <https://volunteersignup.org/L8FMC>

For a full list of events, keep an eye on our website: <https://fospschool.co.uk/fosp-events/>

Parent share

On Wednesday 29th November 2023, we will be holding our termly Parent Share. This is an informal opportunity for you to view your child/ren's work in class. This year we are running them slightly differently with parents being invited in straight after school until 4pm. We hope to see as many of you as possible!

School dates - items with * are new to the list

November	
22nd	Flu immunisations
23rd - 5.30pm	Year 1/2 Dark Night
23rd	*Oak class library visit
24th - 9am	Parent forum
24th - 2.45pm	Miss Vianello class assembly
29th - 3.30pm	Parent share
30th	*Silver birch class library visit
December	
1st - 2.45pm	Mrs Armitage class assembly
5th	iRock concerts - parents with children attending iRocks will be invited directly by the iRock team
6th	Deadline to post letters to Father Christmas
7th	Christmas Fayre - 3.30-5pm (volunteers still needed)
8th	*Acorns (pre-school) Christmas Carols
8th, 14th, 15th	FOSP Christmas present stall (see link in FOSP update)
11th	*EYFS/KS1 Christmas lunch
12th	*KS2 Christmas lunch
13th & 14th 2pm	EYFS / KS1 Nativity
15th - 10am	*EYFS / KS1 Nativity
20th	Christmas service at church
21st - 3rd Jan	Christmas holiday

A festive hello from us here at Coggeshall library

Winter Reading Challenge 25th November 2023 – February 2024

The Winter Reading Challenge is fun activity children aged 0 – 11. It encourages children and families to keep reading over the winter and visit their local library.

How can my child take part? Visit Coggeshall Library or your local library to sign up and children will:

- Received their Challenge folder
- Earn a sticker for each challenge they complete
- When they've completed 6 challenges they will receive a certificate
- and whilst stocks lasts, they will receive a packet of seeds and a Free book from Penguin Books

Over the winter we will also be releasing videos about Lyra the Penguin's journey so please keep an eye on our social media channels on [Youtube.com/essexlibraries](https://www.youtube.com/essexlibraries) and @EssexLibraries.

Christmas Craft Day, Saturday 2nd December

We welcome everyone to our Christmas Craft day on Saturday 2nd December from 10 – 4pm when children can decorate angels, make Tree decorations and Christmas Cards, follow an eye spy trail, borrow Christmas books and lots more. Our Friends of the Library group will also be selling cakes and books outside the library as part of the Coggeshall Christmas Market. We look forward to seeing you all.