

Friday 16th September 2022

What a busy week. Our first full week of this new academic year. The children have attended reading, singing and British Sign Language assemblies this week. They took part with enthusiasm and joy. Staff have been planning amazing opportunities for all children to take part in this year. We will add these dates to our school calendar on our website. For your convenience, this weekly newsletter will also house a calendar so that parents/carers are never caught by surprise in such a lively school.

On Tuesday 20th September (our first day back after this long weekend) our local library will be joining us in school to have an assembly with the children. They will also give out certificates to children who took part in the 'summer reading challenge'. If your child collected their certificate during the holidays directly from the library, please do bring them into school on Tuesday so that they can join the rest of the participants on stage! Reading is so vital for all of our children - I can't say it enough!

I would also like to use this opportunity to make sure all of our families are aware of the designated safeguarding leads we have in school. We are here to support children in school and all families -

- Benedict O'Shea, Headteacher Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Kim Berry Year 2 Teacher Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

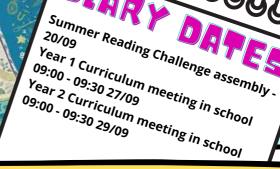
Please see below information about our after-school clubs, our Oxford Owl eLibrary, PTA information and much more. Have a great long weekend. School is closed on Monday, we will see you on Tuesday. Mr O'Shea

A message from our new Assistant Headteacher Miss Saunders

This week's recommended read is the Queen's Wardrobe - a beautiful history of the queen told through the stunning array of clothes she has worn over her 96 years.

> Next Week's author of the week: Rashmi Sirdeshpande

My favourite part was her pretty dresses. (Eden, Yr 1) THUTTUT



Join us









This week we have...

This week, the children in Reception have continued to settle into the routine of school and enjoyed staying for lunch. Much of the learning this week has been based around the story 'The Very Busy Spider' by Eric Carle. The children have enjoyed listening to and joining in with the story. They have been learning nursery rhymes including lncy Wincy Spider and even found a huge spider in our home corner!! Through different craft activities the children have been learning how to safely use and hold their scissors. On Friday, the children experienced their first full day and celebrated the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II through a range of activities and discussions.



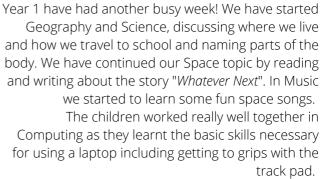
















A variety of activities both in the classroom and under the canopy helped with work on counting and representing objects in Maths this week. All the children took part in a lesson to remember the Queen. We looked at and ordered photographs from the Queen's life and the children discussed and write down thoughts and facts about the Queen.

This week Year 2 have been incredibly busy making gatehouses for our castles in design and technology. The children had fun drawing and cutting out the crenulations on their castles as well as exploring how to use hinges to attach their castle doors. In English the children have continued to learn about different sentence types and used their knowledge of questions and statements to write their own advertisements for a fabulous suit of armour. In history, we have been finding out about the development of castles and the children were fascinated by motte and bailey castles. The children have built upon their knowledge of place value using part whole models to partition numbers up to 100. In science the children have been learning about what animals including humans need to survive. The children made wonderful drawings of a suitable home for an animal providing it with everything it needs to survive.



















Reading - oxford owl

Reading is the most important aspect of any school's curriculum. Reading inspires children, improves vocabulary and speaking, helps with writing and is a genuine life skill that opens the doors for your child's future.

All children will have a book issued to them. This will be in their bookbag. These books will be at your child's reading level. Books should be readable and not too challenging – children should be able to read them successfully. This improves the chances of children developing a love and passion for books. If they are too challenging, research shows reading then becomes a chore and is not as enjoyable for young readers. Children must also be able to comprehend/understand the book they have read.

Children in Reception will start their phonics lessons next week. For now, they will be issued with a wordless book. Children learn how to hold and use a book; turning the pages and talking about the images they see. Parents can ask questions such as:

- What can you see in the picture?
- What number is on the page?
- What do you think will happen next?
- What is your favourite picture why?
- What part of the story would you change why?

In addition to children's books in book bags, our school also has an online eLibrary. This allows teachers to allocate groups of books to children. These can be read at home on a laptop, iPad, tablet or mobile device. At school, we will monitor which children are using the eLibrary and prizes will be awarded to those participating consistently.

I cannot encourage and emphasise enough how important it is to read at home with and to your child. We will be running phonics workshops for parents this term to help empower you all to continue supporting your children at home.

Your child's login details are attached inside their reading record book/reading diary.

A full guide has been sent to all parents - please check your ParentMail













PTA news and clubs

We are hosting our first PTA meeting of this year on Tuesday 20th September at 8pm via Zoom.

The meetings are open to everyone and are a good chance to find out what we're doing this term.

The PTA belongs to everyone at school, and is open to anyone who can help. Whether you can give 10 minutes of your time, help organise an event, or do something else, we would love to have you involved.

The PTA isn't just about raising funds, it's also about creating events that the children enjoy, that they want to be part of, and that help us to build a community at the school.

Come along to share your ideas, find out what new events we have planned and how your child can join in.

Here's the link to join:

Topic: PTA meeting
Time: Sep 20, 2022 08:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82190370393

CLUBS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Playball Year 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Playball Year 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Hotsteppers Dance Year 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Ultimate Coaching Year 1 & 2 Dodgeball 3pm - 4.15pm	Ultimate Coaching Year 1 & 2 Football 3pm - 4.15pm
Jam Coding Year 1 & 2 3.05pm – 4.00pm	Yoga Year 1 & 2 3pm – 4pm		Boogie Pumps Drama Year 1 & 2 3pm – 4pm	













Boogie Pumps and Yoga are offering a free trial next week - we have already emailed all parents about this.

Jam Coding is undersubscribed so it cannot run this half term. If there is enough interest, hopefully it will start again after half term - please contact Jam Coding to sign up.

https://www.crawleyridge.co.uk/parents/clubs











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Crawley Ridge Junior School 'Live the Learning; Learn for Life'

Respect: We care for ourselves, others and our environment.









Positivity: We try our best in all aspects of learning and school life.



Belonging: We are valued members of a team.



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We would love for you to come and visit us; details of our Prospective Parent Events can be found

Thursday 6th October at 7pm Wednesday 12th October at 9am Thursday 13th October at 7pm Please contact the school office to book your place. We look forward to welcoming you.













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We have a school Facebook and Twitter account. These accounts will post regular updates. Updates will include; photos and videos, events and reminders. Children with current school photo permission will be included on these platforms.





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