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WORLD CUP COMPETITION WINNERS



NOAH - DIAMOND



ELARA - TOPAZ



LUCY - SAPPHIRE

Football is fun
Over the sky the ball goes
Oh! The crowd goes
The ball is white and black
Balls are made to be used by everyone
All sports are fun
Loads of people love football
Loving football is part of me and makes up my personality!



POEM BY NOAH
AMETHYST



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Another week complete. How is it December already? Signs of Christmas are starting to appear within the school with decorated class doors, mufti-days and most importantly, our school Christmas tree is now on display in the hall. Thank you to our wonderful PTA for decorating the tree this morning in time for the discos.

I have had some questions regarding photos/videos for Christmas performances. Like all schools, we have some children who cannot appear in our publications or any social media. Quite rightly, we must facilitate this request. Therefore, parents will not be able to photo or video the performance. With that being said, I know how important these shows are for our parents. At the end of all shows, we will remove children without photo permission, allow parents to take whole class photos (which must not be uploaded onto social media, as you will not have permission from all parents of children in the photo). After this group photo, children will be allowed to find their family and you can organise your own smaller group photos with the permission of other parents. I hope you feel this is a fair balance between meeting our safeguarding requirements whilst acknowledging the appetite of many to document these events.

Children are still coming into school when they are visibly unwell. Of course, I want all children in school every day - but not at the expense of other children also potentially getting ill. If you are unsure as to whether your child should come to school, [visit our school website](#) or call the school office and we will advise.

The weather is getting a lot colder. Please make sure children have a sensible warm coat with them every day. Children may also bring in gloves, a hat and scarf. All labelled please and nothing too expensive!

Have a great weekend. Mr O'Shea :)

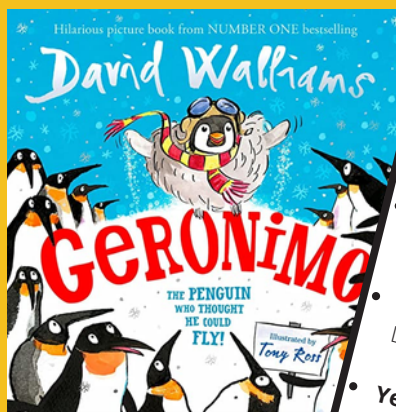
Our Safeguarding Team

Benedict O'Shea, Headteacher - Designated Safeguarding Lead

Kim Berry Year 2 Teacher - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

*A message from our Assistant Headteacher
Miss Saunders*

This week's recommended read is *Geronimo the Penguin* by David Walliams - the hilarious tale of a Penguin who dreams of flight.



DIARY DATES

- Christmas Jumper Day (Save the children donation) 8th December
- PTA Hot Chocolate sale after school 9th December
- Year 1 Christmas Songs 09:00 13th December
- Reception Christmas Songs 09:00 14th December
- Year 2 Christmas Songs 09:00 14th December

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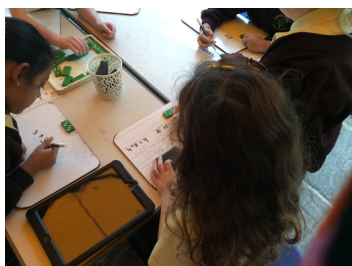
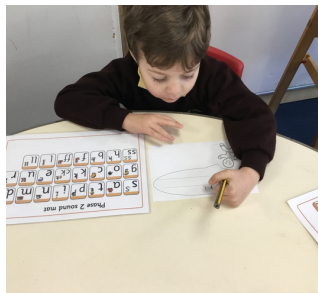
This week we have...

Our learning this week has been based around *The Gingerbread Man*. On Monday the children were sent CCTV footage of the gingerbread man in their classroom, which explains where the crumbs on the floor came from! We have enjoyed listening to different versions of the story and reciting the key lines.

Our sounds this week have been y, z, zz, qu and ch and we have been busy painting yellow, making yo-yos, doing zigzags, asking questions quietly and chopping up fruit and vegetables. In maths, our focus has been around the number 4 and talking about one more and one less, looking at squares and their properties and thinking of all the ways in which we can make 4 (i.e. $3+1$, $2+2$). We enjoyed making our own number blocks out of the resources in the classroom and going on a 4 hunt.

On Friday we made our own Gingerbread Men, looking at quantities of ingredients and listening to and following instructions.

In preparation for our Christmas Play, we have been practising our different songs - we hope you get to hear these at home soon.



This week the children have been continuing their History topic by delving into the past even further as we looked at their parents' and grandparents' toys and toys from even further in the past. They have been using adjectives to describe these toys in History and English through the story of *Threadbear*. The children are really starting to develop a sense of what 'the past' means and how toys have changed or stayed the same over time. In Maths the children began looking at the process of subtraction and introducing the subtraction symbol. In Science the children have been learning about animals that hibernate during the winter months. It is great how much they are beginning to explain about what happens in each of the seasons and relating this to the months that they occur. In DT they have been continuing to explore different ways to make objects 'pop up'!

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The children were very excited this week due to the start of December. We have written a setting description of a scene from *'The Snowman'* by Raymond Briggs using adjectives and similes. In maths we have been exploring properties of 3D shapes. We have learnt about faces, vertices and edges. In Science we carried out a fair test to investigate the most absorbent material. In history we looked in detail at the reasons the Great Fire of London spread so quickly. We also compared firefighting equipment from the past and present.



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CHRISTMAS AT
CRAWLEY
RIDGE
INFANTS

MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER
Santa Visit
10:00 - 13:30

ORGANISED & FUNDED BY THE PTA

TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER
Year 1 Festive Performance
09:00 - 09:30

WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER
Reception Festive Performance
09:00 - 09:30

Christmas lunch
Supplied by Twelve15

THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER
Year 2 Festive Performance
09:00 - 09:30

FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER
Christmas Crafts

Christmas Jumper Day

12th-16th Dec
Christmas Post Box open for all year groups

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	

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Reading stars & PANTS

NSPCC Pantosaurus

Along with many schools across the country, at Crawley Ridge Infant School we use the NSPCC Pantosaurus rule to help to teach children about keeping themselves safe. With the help of the friendly Pantosaurus dinosaur, adults, both at school and at home, can teach children about how to stay safe from abuse.

At a level appropriate for their own age, all children learn about how the parts of their bodies which are covered by their underwear are private parts and are not for other people to see or touch and how important it is to talk to someone about anything which upsets or worries them.

Pantosaurus Song

Meet Pantosaurus - our pant-wearing Dino! He wants every child to stay safe and strong, just like him, and he's on a mission to share an important message.

<https://youtu.be/-LL07JOGU5o>

Please visit the following link for advice on how to answer questions from children on this subject.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/pants-how-to-answer-questions/>



READING STARS



New this term! When a child has read at home at least three times in the week and this is documented by an adult at home (reading record book signed three times) they will receive a golden star sticker. These will be stuck to the back of reading records. There is a competition to see which children at school will collect the most!! This will hopefully encourage children to ask and plead to read at home, which is the key to reading for pleasure.

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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



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