

THANK YOU!

to some of our wonderful parents and helpers for their amazingly green fingered ideas! We now have a very mischievous Minion guarding Ruby class and a jumpy frog in front of Diamond class. We still have resources for the KS1 playground - any parents want to get involved?



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The Infant Informative



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Shhhh, can you keep a secret? On Monday, we will have a special visitor in school to meet and talk with the children. He is really looking forward to visiting us. He will be wearing a red hat, he has a white long beard and big black shoes.... I wonder who it will be...?

We have sent you correspondence this week around scarlet fever (strep A). Please do not send your child into school if they have a: sore throat, headache, fever, fine, or pinkish / red body rash with a sandpapery feel or on darker skin the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel. If in any doubt, call the office and we will happily advise. Attendance is so important, but so is the health of our children and staff.

We look forward to inviting all parents into school next week to watch our Christmas performances. Please see the last newsletter around photography at these shows. There is a maximum of two adults per child, any more than this will not be allowed into the hall - for health and safety reasons we need to be aware of overcrowding, etc. All of the important dates you need to know for the remainder of this term can be found on our [website](#) or in the diary dates section of this newsletter, just below on this page.

We are almost there, one more week to go. I can't even begin to tell you how hard the staff have worked this term. I know as we approach Christmas it can be a busy and stressful time of year. I plead with you to show kindness and respect to our staff. They are human. We are here to support all families, but we do not have magic wands to make everything ok, all of the time, in an instant. Somethings take time, so please bare with us.

I look forward to our final week of the term, CHRISTMAS is almost here, let's say it loud with lots of cheer!

Have a great weekend. Wrap up warm! 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 *The Christmasaurus* by Tom Fletcher - this book is beautifully illustrated with stunning pictures telling the story of the true power of believing!



DIARY DATES

- Year 1 Christmas Songs 09:00 13th December
- Reception Christmas Songs 09:00 14th December
- Year 2 Christmas Songs 09:00 15th December
- Christmas Crafts Day 16th December children can wear Christmas jumpers to school
- Last day of the Autumn term 16th December children should be collected at **13:30** from school
- Children return to school 4th January 2023 08:35 - 15:00

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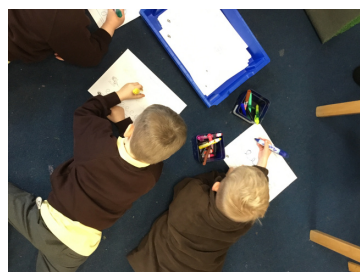
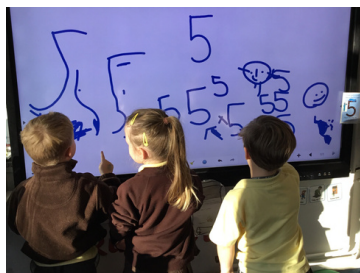


This week we have...

Our book this week has been *The Elves and the Shoemaker*. We were lucky enough to receive a letter from one of the elves. We wrote back to the elf and received a reply! Just like the elves in the story, we have been busy making some Christmas decorations and Christmas cards as well as continuing to practise our Christmas performance.

In phonics we have been recapping our sounds and harder to read and spell words. We have found these around the classroom and played different games and reading and writing them.

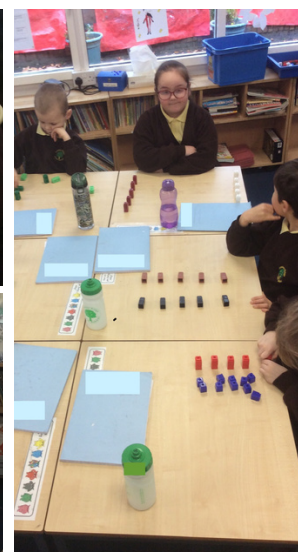
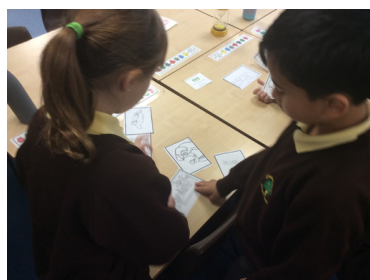
In maths, we have been focussing on the number 5. Counting in different ways, playing games and finding groups of 5 around the classroom and outside.



We are fully in Christmas mode this week. The songs for our performance are coming on a treat, the enthusiasm is oozing from every child. We started our week by introducing the story of the nativity through our book of the week, *The Christmas Book*. We were focussing on sentence structure and using our phonics to segment words carefully to retell the story. Continuing with our learning about toys in history this week, we were very lucky to take part in a workshop from the Surrey Heath Museum, Old Toys Workshop, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. In maths this week we are focussing on finding a part using subtraction. Yet again, a very busy week, with Christmas thrown in too!!

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This week Year 2 were invited to the Junior school to watch the Year 3 and 4 Christmas performance. The children were mesmerised by the enthusiastic singing and dancing. We have also been practicing for our own performance, learning how to speak clearly with appropriate tone and volume. As the children have enjoyed *The Snowman* by Raymond Briggs so much, this week we have been writing a narrative based on his book. We have been learning about repeated addition in maths by making equal groups using objects and adding by repeating. During history we became architects, designing a better and safer London after the Great Fire. The children decided to include stronger materials that would not burn easily and space the buildings apart. The children have loved sketching and painting their designs onto their clay mugs.



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PTA news, events & clubs

The PTA will be handing out the Christmas gifts the children ordered on Tuesday 13th December at pick up. If your child is at Graitney, we'll take their gifts round to them there.



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Register your child today!

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Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised price of around £18 per term.

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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/-IL07JOGU5o>

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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