



The Infant Informative



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National Storytelling week was a great success. Thank you to so many parents who offered their time to get into school to read with the children. They loved it. There are photos on the next page. Please make reading a priority this weekend.

A big thank you from the Royal British Legion. We raised £146.20 from our poppy appeal.

We will be celebrating the coronation of our King on the **5th of May**, in the afternoon. Save the date. You may have seen on one of our first newsletters of this academic year another celebration date (26th May). It was our intention to have a big picnic (like last year). However, this date was set before the loss of our Queen. The dates are only 3 weeks apart and I know working families may struggle to find the time. Therefore, please ignore the second date of 26th May - we will continue with our coronation plans for the 5th May.

We are moving forward with our therapeutic garden that will be used by all of our pupils, either to be involved with the maintenance or simply a place to enjoy. To enable us to create this exciting new project, we are looking for small donations in the form of: tools, pots, cuttings, seeds, compost and gardening materials.

On Tuesday we will be talking to all children about how to stay safe on the internet. This day is important to remember the rules in place, but internet safety never stops. All children in our school should be supervised at all times when accessing the internet on any device. Children have been talking about playing online games that are not appropriate.

Finally, the PTA have kindly organised a treat for all children next week - the theatre is coming to us! Mr O'Shea :)

THANK YOU.
THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION'S
POPPY APPEAL SUPPORTS THE
ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY,
PAST AND PRESENT.

To: INFANTS CRAWLEY RIDGE

Thank you for supporting the Poppy Appeal.

Together we raised: £146.20

Marjorie

To find out more about how your donation helps, please visit
rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal



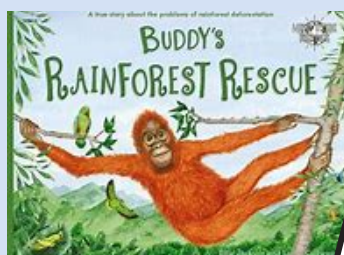
SCHOOL COUNCIL

The school council had their second meeting this week in which we discussed designs for markings for the KS1 playground which the PTA are raising funds to pay for. There was a lot of discussion expressing their views on each design and we have chosen 2 in each of the following categories to put to the classes for a final vote: Letter, Number, Free Choice. Once the votes have been cast, we will be sure to reveal the final designs.



A message from our Assistant Headteacher Miss Saunders

This week's recommended read is *Buddy's Rainforest Rescue* - Inspired by Year 2's studies about the rainforest, this is a tale about the impact of deforestation on the wildlife the habitat houses.



DIARY DATES

- Parent Consultations W/B 6th February (Not Topaz)
- Safer internet day 7th February
- Theatre treat for children (funded by the PTA) in school 7th February
- Break up for half term Thursday 9th February @ 15:00

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National Storytelling Week 2023

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who came in to read to the children! Across all year groups, the children absolutely loved it and were hugely engaged with listening to a story with someone new.



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NUR

This week we have been enjoying the book *The Monkey Puzzle*. The children have loved joining in at story time and helping us to tell the story! We have been using paint to design our own butterflies (which then evolved into finger and then hand painting!) We have also been writing and drawing speech bubbles for the characters in the book, thinking about what they might say. We have been matching baby animals to their mummies and we have been comparing sizes, using words like 'biggest, smallest, bigger and smaller'. Perhaps you could compare some toys you have at home too! 😊

Thank you very much to the parents who came in to share a story with the children this week, it's been lovely to have some of you in.



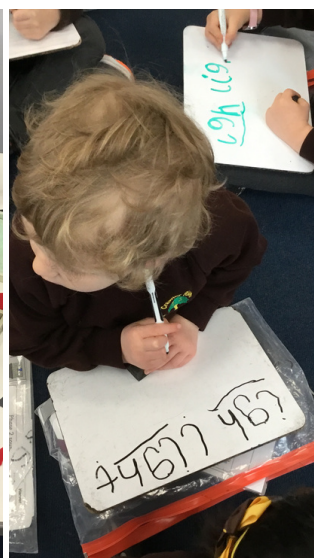
REC

We have loved our story of the week - *Supertato*! We have had our very own Evil Pea in the class who has been up to something naughty each day, such as: stealing phonics cards, changing our number of the day and making mess! We have made repeating patterns by potato printing, made our own supertatoes and evil peas. We also made healthy vegetable soup.

This week our maths focus has been composition of the numbers 6, 7 and 8 as we have worked on one more and one less than these numbers.

We learnt two new sounds this week in phonics - **igh** and **oa**. Lighting up the night with firework paintings, putting goats and toads on the road and trying to make boats that float!

In PSHE we learnt all about healthy eating and also re-covered NSPCC's Pantosaurus - knowing that our privates are private! Hopefully your children will be able to tell you all about this. If you would like to know the material that we covered or more guidance to talk to your children about - you can find this information on our school website under the learning tab.

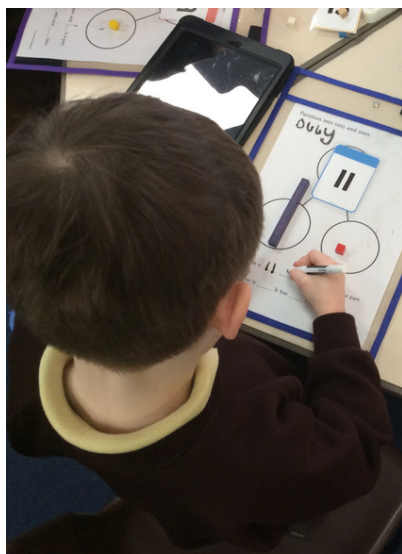




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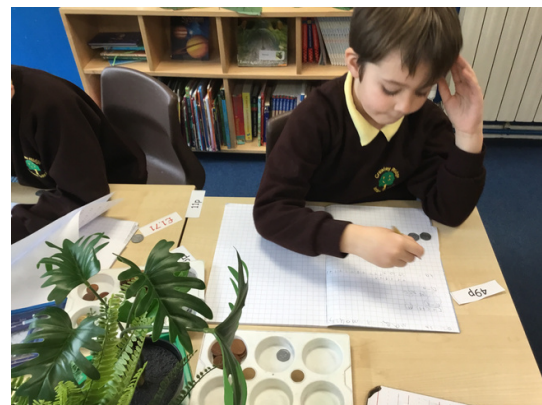
YEAR 1

Year one have had a super week. Our book of the week has been, *The Little Brown Monkey*, all about a little monkey who wears crazy clothes. The children found this very funny. We retold the story to include a beginning, middle and ending and we also included lots of adjectives. We were blown away by the quality of the children's writing. We have been looking at extreme weathers in Geography - the children were so fascinated. Maths has moved on to looking at how doubling can help us with our addition. The children have been doubling numbers within 20 but also looking at near doubles; $3+3=6$ but $3+4=$ (double 3 plus 1). The children caught onto this very quickly.



YEAR 2

This week Year 2 the children have been exceptionally busy working on their collages which are looking amazing! The children have enjoyed listening to the story *The Great Kapok Tree* and have written their own versions of the story using descriptive language. In Maths we have been learning about money. The children have been working on recognising coins and notes and using these to make a given amount. In Geography we were learning about human and physical features of the United Kingdom. The children were delighted to have parents coming in to share a story with them. Thank you very much to everyone involved.



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PTA news, events & clubs

Jump into 2023

A huge thank you to everyone for their participation in our January fundraiser, which is now finished. Please could you return any final sponsorship forms / donations to the school office on Monday 6th February. We will contact the prize draw winners next week! The playground designs are underway - so exciting for the children!

Mother's Day Gift Sale

This week, you should have received your child's order form in their bookbag - please log onto the portal (www.pta-events.co.uk/cris) to order your gifts by Friday 10th Feb.

Bags2School

We have a clothes recycling collection planned for 23rd March - bags will be coming home next week, for you to fill over half term!

Nursery parents

We have created a WhatsApp group for Nursery parents to join - to share communication between parents - please use this link, if you'd like to join: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/H80vJ1QIcanI9v3O3g2stR>

Nearly New Uniform

Please contact Stacey Muirhead via WhatsApp 07588 626777 if you'd like any uniform.

Thank you!



CLUBS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Playball Reception, 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 Reception, Year 1 & 2 3pm – 4pm	Playball Reception 3pm-3.45pm	Boogie Pumps Drama Reception, 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/>

St Paul's & Heatherside Church Camberley's

Pancake Praise Party!

21st February 3.30-5.00pm

For children aged 0-11 & their families

Book your tickets here:



Join us at our pancake café as we celebrate the meaning of pancake day with games, activities, songs, toddler zone, food decorating & freshly made pancakes!



Any questions: bethany.larby@stpaulscamb.co.uk

Tickets: <https://stpaulspancakepraiseparty23.eventbrite.co.uk>

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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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