



World Book Day 23



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Wow. Awesome. First-rate. Great. Marvellous. Sensational. Superb. Unreal. Amazing. Stunning. Incredible. Brilliant. I have had to dust of the thesaurus just to try and find the words to describe the world book day costumes on display. The children loved their special day. Their faces have been lit with smiles the whole time. The children took part in dedicated book day activities, decorated their wooden spoons, took a whole school photo with the juniors, spent some time with an author who read to them and answered all of their questions and took part in a whole school assembly this morning. A very busy day full of fun and laughter. All children will be coming home with a book token that can be used towards purchasing a new book to enjoy at home.

The fun doesn't stop there. Next week all children will take part in a Samba workshop assembly in the morning. Year 2 will then have their own personalised workshops as part of their Brazil topic. Get those dancing moves ready!!

We have sent you information about 'Big Walk and Wheels', which will be a whole week whereby we encourage our families to walk or scoot/cycle to school. This is in partnership with the council and police force who are assisting us with monitoring our surrounding roads and making drop offs and pick ups safer for our children. Please get involved - even if it is just for the health benefits!

Please continue using the three tricks from Trickbox that we have learnt. We use them in school daily and the children really get a lot out of it - so it should help you at home too.

Next week we will celebrate International Women's Day. We will hold an assembly with the children to make sure all of our children understand that men and women are equal in all aspects of life.

Have a great weekend, full of books! Mr O'Shea

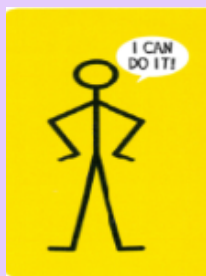


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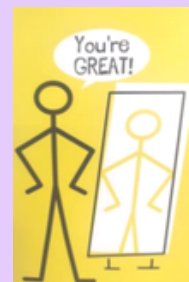
Stand Tall

If we feel worried, nervous or scared, we can Stand Tall and say 'I can do it'.



Big voice

Use your 'big voice' and believe in yourself.



Mirror mirror

Speak about the positive things you can say or do.

BOX

A message from our Assistant Headteacher Miss Saunders

In light of St David's day this week, this week's recommended read is a beautifully illustrated collection of stories about dragons. These stories are sure to transport children to a mythical and magical land - a lovely read!

As a result of the success of National Story Telling Week, we would like to invite parents and carers to be a 'Mystery Reader'. This involves volunteers coming in one day at 2:45pm to read a story in their child's class. If you would like to volunteer, you may organise this through the school office. Sssh - it's a mystery.



DIARY DATES

- **Year 2 Samba workshop** Wednesday 8th March
- **Year 1 school trip** Friday 24th March
- **PTA cake sale** Friday 24th March @ 3pm
- **Big walk and wheels week** Monday 27th March
- **Author visit** Tuesday 28th March

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This week our book has been ***What The Ladybird Heard***. We ended up speaking about animals so much, that it led to many children wanting to be vets. So we've been enjoying a vet role play outside, allowing us to practice taking turns and learning about the different vet equipment.

We have also started Phonics this week – yay! We have been using our drum stick to tap on different objects and using our listening ears to hear the different sounds.

Today we have celebrated World Book Day! We have loved the children's costumes and have enjoyed decorating our wooden spoons. We even went to our very first school assembly and showed the big children our costumes. The children did amazingly well 😊

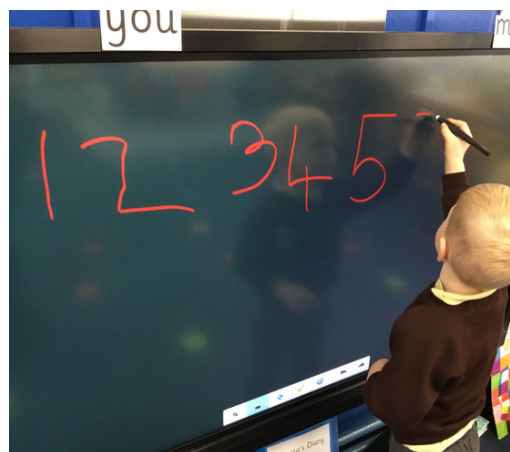


Elmer has been our story of the week so we have taken the opportunity to discuss our differences and how it's great for us all to be different. We have loved listening to and reading a wide variety of Elmer stories over the week. We created a class collage of Elmer from our individual squares, ordered numbered Elmers to 20, created our own Elmer puppets and the scene to act out the story and painted a patchwork Elmer with many different colours.

Our sounds of the week have been **oo** (**book**) and **ar** (**star**). We have looked in books for the oo sound, filled in footballs and made star wands. We have been checking the children's knowledge of harder to read and spell words and sounds learnt so far.

Our maths focus this week has been the numbers **9** and **10**, learning how to write them, where they are placed on a number line and how we can make up these numbers using resources (4+5 or 3+3+3 etc.). We have been practising the formation of all our numbers, please keep practising these at home!

Diamond class had their first forest school session, which they absolutely loved. Ruby class can't wait for their turn next Tuesday. Please note, the classes will be alternating forest school each week - taking part every fortnight. However, please ensure your child is dressed for forest school **every** Tuesday, making it easier to remember and in case there is opportunity for children to take part in extra sessions!



This week in KS1 we have...

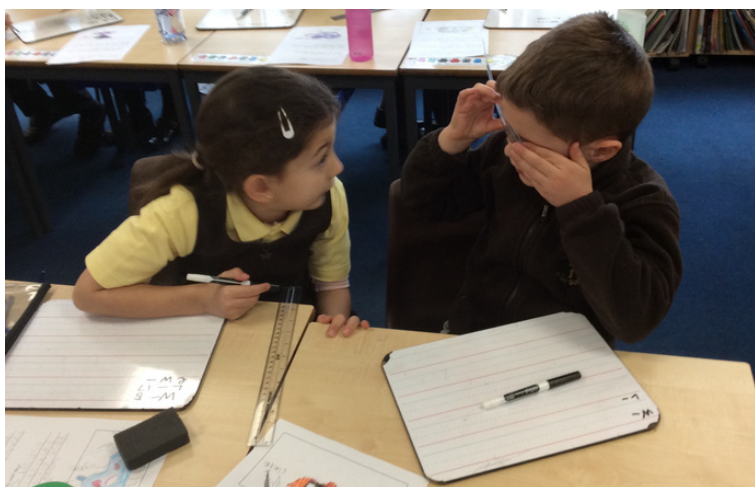
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In year 1 this week we have used the story ***The Way Back Home*** by **Oliver Jeffers** in English. The children listened to the story and watched a short video based on it too to help them retell what had happened. We have been having a big push on their handwriting this week, making sure their letters sit correctly on the lines. In maths we have started looking at numbers up to **50**. The children have explored how many tens and ones are in the numbers and practised lots of counting to and from 50. We started an exciting new adventure in Computing this week where we have begun exploring a programmable toy called 'Cubetto'. The children had great fun finding out what it could and couldn't do and are looking forward to using algorithms in the next few weeks to move him around the classroom. In History the children continued their learning in Victorian homes and found out that many homes didn't have a bathroom and had to use a toilet in the garden!! We talked about how lucky we are to have all these luxuries in our homes today.



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This week we have been busy creating templates and prototypes of our Brazilian carnival masks. The children tested their designs by cutting them out and checking they could see safely out of them. During maths we have continued our learning about fractions, exploring unit and non-unit fractions. We would like to thank our very first mystery reader for coming in to Sapphire to surprise the children. The children loved the poems – especially the Homework Machine! The children were excited to write a retelling of the story ***"The Way Back Home"*** after being inspired by the animation by Oliver Jeffers.



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PTA news, events & clubs

Bags2School (23rd March)

Donations can be left in the Reception playground at pick up on 22nd March or drop off on 23rd March. Please do not bring them before this date as they cannot be stored and kept dry.

They accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:

* Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing * Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around) * Handbags * Hats * Bags * Scarves and ties * Jewellery * Lingerie * Socks * Belts * Soft toys * Household linen * Household curtains * Household towels * Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

They **DO NOT** accept * Duvets and blankets * Pillows and cushions * Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats) * Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing * School uniforms with and without logo * Corporate clothing and workwear * Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Cake Sale

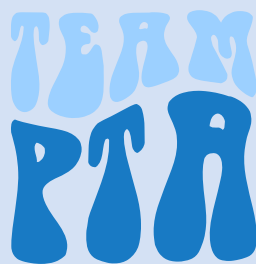
Friday 24th March 3pm. Our first Cake Sale in 3 years is returning, also including Books and Nearly New Uniform.

Come along for some treats, new books to read and stock up on uniform!

Please can you help us bake/donate some cakes? We will gratefully receive donations at drop off on 24th March - thank you!

SAVE THE DATE

Crawley Ridge Infants and Juniors Summer Fun Day - Saturday 1st July - more details to come!



CLUBS

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

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Would you like to train to teach in a school in **your** community?

Come along to an information event held at

Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School

(Benner Lane, West End, Woking, Surrey, GU249JQ)

on Friday 17th March

This is a drop-in event, so come along anytime between **12.30pm and 4.30pm** to chat to one of the SCITT team.

You'll find us at the main entrance of the school – we'd love to meet you!

For further information, please:

visit www.ssfscitt.org.uk ('how to apply') or email scitt@sfet.org.uk

Specified Adult Childcare Credits are National Insurance (NI) credits which were introduced in April 2011. You may be entitled to receive these NI credits if you are a grandparent, or other family member, who cares for a child under 12, usually whilst their parent (or main carer) is working. These credits are only available from April 2011 and you must make an application to receive the NI credits. Further information can be obtained from the following government website;

[Factsheet \(click here\): National Insurance Credits for Adults Who Care for a Child Under 12 Years Old](#)

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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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