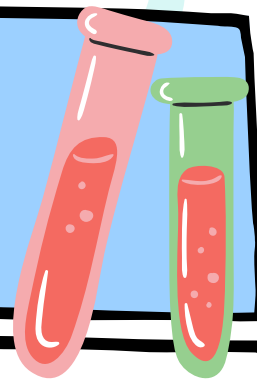




SCIENCE WEEK STARTS NEXT WEEK



Next week is British Science Week. To celebrate, the teachers have planned lots of fun and exciting activities linked to this year's theme 'Connections'. As part of the fun we would like to invite the children to enter a poster competition celebrating British Science Week. If your child wants to enter the competition all they need to do is create a poster by drawing a picture of a scientist, thinking about what skills a scientist needs to do their job. The posters can be as creative as you want!

Posters need to be completed and handed in by next **Thursday**. There will be a prize for the winning poster. This will be announced in next Friday's assembly.

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It's official, your child goes to a GOOD school. Have you ever thought about what the word 'good' means? The dictionary defines the word as 'having the required qualities; of a high standard'. A definition that perfectly sums up our school - we have the qualities needed to be a good school and Ofsted have seen us work to a very high standard. A massive heartfelt congratulations to all of the staff who work tirelessly to improve the lives and future prospects for all of our children, regardless of their ability, additional needs or varied starts in life. All children matter, all of them are important and all of them make our school the happy, friendly and inviting place that it is. Although Ofsted won't visit again for another four or so years, our hard work continues. This isn't the end of improvement, it is just the start!

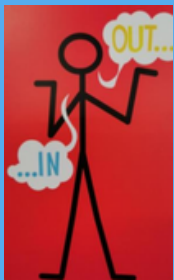
Our surrounding roads are getting more dangerous. I won't write my usual monologue. Instead, I plead with you all to sign this e-petition: <https://mycouncil.surreycc.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?id=511>

You will see from the first page of this newsletter that we have some exciting science opportunities next week to celebrate Science Week. All children can enter the competition to win an amazing science themed prize. Good luck!

Please can I remind parents to consider the choices of food in their child's packed lunch. This website is helpful for parents: <https://www.nutrition.org.uk/putting-it-into-practice/make-healthier-choices/healthy-packed-lunches/>

Our new Trickbox trick can be found below. Parents have commented on how helpful these simple tools, which can be used at both home and school, are for children.

Have a lovely weekend - I will be raising a glass to you all in celebration of our report. Mr O'Shea :)



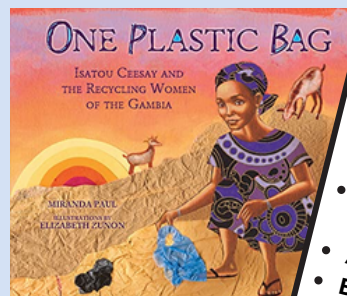
TRICK BOX

We all experience emotions both positive and negative. Learning to mindfully acknowledge emotions and self-manage them when necessary are important life skills and key factors for the development of healthy mental processing and overall wellbeing. How we breathe affects our emotional and physical state and the trick 'Breathing Colour' helps us to breathe correctly through the nose to achieve a more relaxed state. The trick begins with a conversation about emotions that require you to 'take a deep breath', such as anger. We teach the children to breathe in through their nose and into their tummy and not into their chest. We try this a few times and discuss how it makes us feel. We then move on to discuss different colours that we associate with different feelings. The idea is to breathe in a positive colour and breathe out the negative. For example, colours associated with anger could be red and orange and colours associated with feeling calm could be light blues and purples. The children then breathe in their calm colour and breathe out their negative colour. This is a simple yet really effective trick that the children find really useful in certain situations.



*A message from our Assistant Headteacher
Miss Saunders*

Inspired by Reception and Year 2's work on the importance of reusing and recycling, I have chosen a beautiful story this week about how one person's drive can inspire a community to improve their environment for the better.



DIARY DATES

- 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
- Break up for Easter Friday 31st March @ 13:30

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This week our book has been **Oh Dear!** by Rod Campbell. The children have learnt some sign language for some of the words in the story and we have used this to help us retell the story. We have been extending our maths learning this week, rolling a 1-3 dice and using tweezers to count out eggs (pompoms!) into our basket. Then, the snow came! We had a magical time; we built snowmen, made snow angels (great for our gross motor development) and caught the snow on our tongues! We used paint in spray bottles to change the colour of the snow, whilst also making the muscles in our hands stronger. We also explored what would happen if we mixed the paint in the snow and we made new fabulous colours. We have also been loving getting messy outside, with our water and mud play. Please send in waterproofs for your child if you haven't already, thank you.

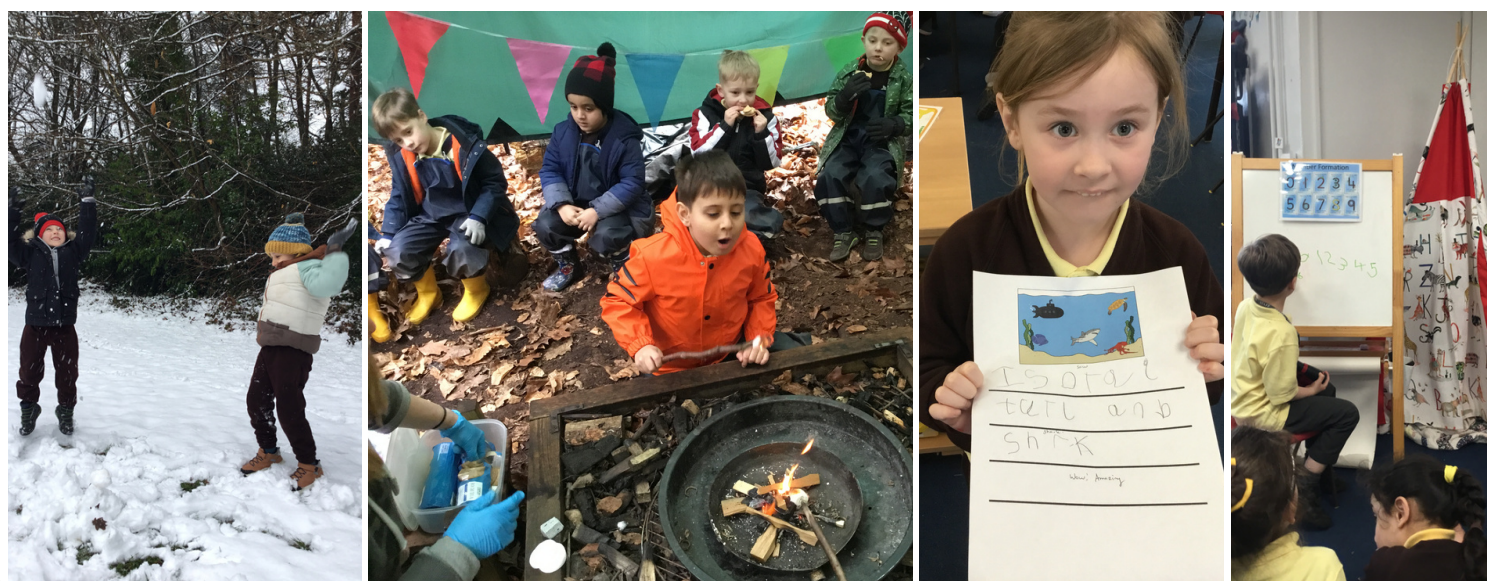


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What an exciting week! Our book of the week has been **Someone Swallowed Stanley**, all about a plastic bag that ends up in the ocean. The children have learnt about the sea life that lives in the ocean, how we can find oceans on a map and the ways in which we can look after our planet - including recycling. We have made underwater scenes, jellyfish and sorted items that do and don't belong in the sea.

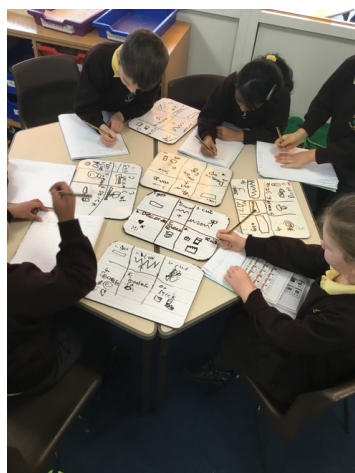
In phonics this week we have learnt the new sounds ur and oo (spoon), alongside this we have made a variety of purple crafts, read the harder to read and spell words on the turtles and taken part in egg and spoon races. Our maths has been focussed around ordering numbers to 10, ensuring we know where each number sits on the number line and talking about one more and one less than the numbers. We have really enjoyed picking out Mrs Samuel's and Miss Corser's mistakes when they have been writing their numbers and number lines on the board! Wednesday was the day the snow came and we loved playing down on the field on the fresh snow. We had a go at making snowmen and some of us even rolled down the hill! We also had a wonderful time at the samba workshop in assembly, listening and playing along to the music.

Ruby class enjoyed their first forest school sessions this week and had a wonderful time.



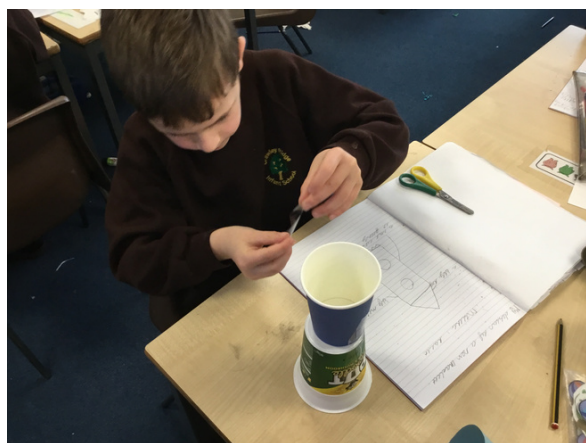
YEAR 1

This week has been another busy one for Year 1. We started our week with Computing and making predictions for moving Cubetto around the mats. Then we used our knowledge of instructions to write our own steps to make a crown. The children loved this, especially when they got to make the crowns at the end. In maths we have been having a huge focus on numbers to 50, counting forwards and backwards, partitioning them into their tens and ones and finding one more and one less. The children have been trying so hard with this as it has been quite a jump from numbers to 20, but it is definitely something we need more practise with so please try to practise at home too. The children loved being able to enjoy the snow and the Samba assembly on Wednesday. In DT the children have begun designing their own vehicle which will be linked into our History topic as we move on from Victorian homes to Transport through time.



YEAR 2

What an exciting week we have had! The children were so thrilled to take part in the Samba workshop. They really enjoyed learning how to play different samba rhythms and performing together as a band. They sounded amazing. In English, the children have been learning to write exclamation sentences. They also wrote their own stories about finding a mysterious egg inspired by our book of the week **'The Egg'**. In maths, we have continued to learn about fractions including finding $\frac{3}{4}$ of a shape or number.





PTA news, events & clubs

Mother's Day Gifts

Gifts will be ready to collect at pick up on Tuesday 14th March, from the staff car park at 3pm or after school club/Graitney as selected on the portal when ordering.

Coronation Whole School Tea Towels

To celebrate His Majesty King Charles III Coronation, the children in school have been creating a masterpiece of their face (R-Y2) or a handprint (nursery) to include on our Whole School Tea Towel. £5 each or 3 for £10. Please place your order via the CRIS portal by Monday 20th March.

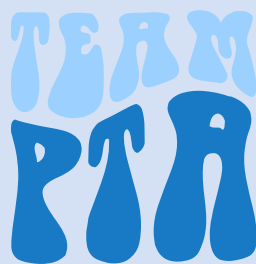
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/cris/>

Cakes / Books / Nearly New Uniform Sale

Friday 24th March 3pm in the playground. We would love it if you were able to bake or donate a cake/s please - which we will gratefully receive 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
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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 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:
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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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