



Welcome to The Infant Informative



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****Welcome Back!**** Welcome back and happy new year! I hope you all had a wonderful break with your families and loved ones. I know many of you may have been affected by the wave of illnesses going around—I hope it didn't disrupt too many of your plans and that everyone is feeling better now.

****Returning to School**** The children have returned to school brilliantly! They are settled, energetic, and ready to learn, which has brought so much joy to our staff. Thank you for supporting them as they transition back into their routines.

****Furry friends!**** Unfortunately, over the break, our Nurture Hub became the unexpected home to some furry visitors—not inside, but underneath the building. We have already brought in pest control and treatment will be started on Monday. During this time, the Nurture Hub will be closed for four weeks. Sessions with Miss Petre will continue in other areas of the school. The affected area will be cordoned off starting Monday to ensure the safety of children and staff. We have a preventative plan in place to ensure this does not happen again, and I'll keep you updated on the progress.

****Road Safety**** This week, I have noticed some of our nursery children playing on the internal school road where cars park and drive through. This is a safety concern as it may teach children that some roads are safe when, in reality, all roads are dangerous. Please ensure children wait with a parent on the footpath to reinforce safe behaviour.

Thank you for your support, and have a lovely weekend!

Mr O'Shea :)

DIARY DATES

- PSHE Life Space workshops in school - 16th & 17th Jan
- National Story Telling Week - W/B 27th Jan
- Safer Internet Day - 11th Feb
- Year 2 Diorama Showcase to parents - 26th Feb @ 14:30
- World Book Day 2025 - 6th March
- British Science Week - W/B 10th March
- Parents' Evening - 18th March 16:30 - 19:30 & 20th March 15:30 - 18:00
- Nursery Stay & Play Week - W/B 24th March @ 14:30 (across all 5 days)
- TAMAT Music Concert for selected Year 1 Children - 25th March @ 17:15 - 19:00

A message from our Assistant Headteacher Miss Saunders

This week we have experienced various different types of weather which have been exciting for the children to experience. From sun to sleet we've had it all so this week's recommended read is *Meet the Weather* by Caryl Hart. This is a magical tour of all weathers and why they happen via hot air balloon. Enjoy!



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This week in early years, we have...

NUR

Welcome back! This week we have come back with a bang! Our learning and play has been led by the children's interests, with the children each bringing in their favourite book from home to read and share. We have enjoyed building sandcastles, putting on shows, making magic wands and lots of retelling of stories. We have started our Phonics for this half term, which is learning about syllables and rhyme.

Next week, we will begin our topic of 'Traditional Tales', starting with **The Gingerbread Man**.



RECR

We have been all things winter this week with our book of the week being **'Ten Little Lights'**, focussed on a house in the snow, with woodland animals looking for somewhere warm to go.

We have learnt about winter and its characteristics and even been on a winter walk to spot these. We could see trees with no leaves, lots of frost, some snow and berries on the trees. We have also discussed what we need to wear in winter to keep us warm. We have learnt two new digraphs (two letters making one sound) this week in phonics - qu and ch. We have designed a quilt for the queen and made our own chip boxes with chips.

In our maths we have studied the number 0, found, subitised and represented 0-5. We also looked at 1 more.

The children have enjoyed activities this week such as creating repeating patterned scarves, making CVC words, finding objects in ice, playing with winter animals and making snowmen. The children have particularly enjoyed using our new magnetic tiles to build a house this week which were a gift from Santa (thank you to the PTA)!



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This week in KS1 we have...

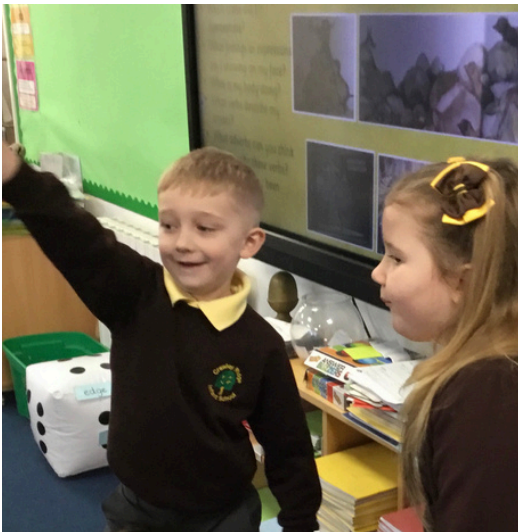
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Happy New Year and welcome back- hasn't it been chilly this week!! The children have returned with a spring in their step and a gleam in their eye and it is very noticeable how many of them have come back a little more focussed and little more positive in their attitude to learning- a good sign as we move into what is known in the teaching trade as the "moving" term. In essence this is when the children have settled into the routines of their new year group, and they are now in a place where they can just focus on the job at hand, doing their best learning and making lots of progress. In English this week we have started our learning using a book called **Last Stop On Market Street** by Matt de la Pena. In the story we meet a little boy called CJ and his Nana and we follow them on a bus journey, meeting different passengers along the way. In Maths our focus has been on place value during which we have been looking closely at the composition of numbers between 11 and 20. We have explored how these numbers are made up and how we can represent these numbers using resources, words and pictures. Geography this term is all about weather, beginning with our weather locally before moving on to exploring weather in extreme hot and cold climates. This week we created a weather wheel, representing different types of weather in pictures and we have also been recording the weather daily this week, noting down what the weather is and the temperature every day. Our Science for this half term is connected to materials. This week we explored our class, identifying what different items were made of before then sorting them into groups according to the material they are made of. And on top of this we also did RE, thinking about the important people in our lives; Computing, during which we will be working on improving our basic computer skills and PSHE, where we are finding out more about why sleep is important. Have a great weekend.



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Welcome back! In English this week we have been reading the story **Meerkat Mail** by Emily Gravett. The children have loved hearing about Sunny's adventures and spotting the jackal hiding in the background. We have been practising using coordinating conjunctions, adjectives and commas for listing. In maths we have been learning about money. The have been learning to recognise notes and coins and count amounts in pounds and pence. In art we are starting our new unit on collage and looked at works by the artist Megan Coyle. In science the children had a brilliant time learning about what a habitat it and identifying different habitats. In computing we have been looking at features of a keyboard. In RE this half term, we are learning about Judaism. This week we have been learning about the Jewish day of rest.



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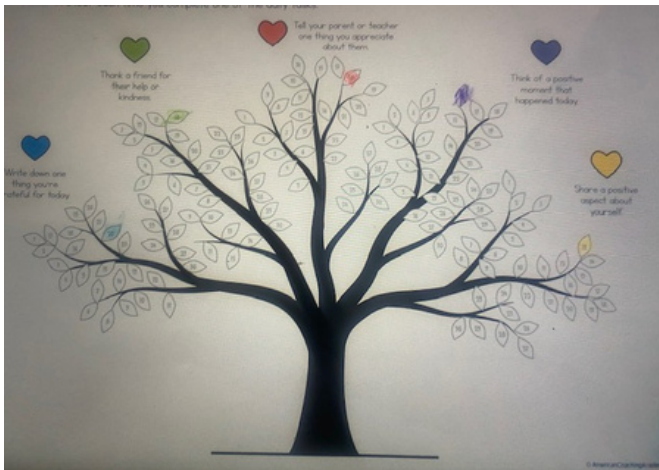


Nurture Hub & Golden Acorns

This week in the Nurture Hub, we were delighted to welcome all the children back after half-term. We have lots of exciting new groups, and it's wonderful to see the children already applying some of the skills they've learned.

We also kicked off our Gratitude Challenges, which we'll continue throughout the term. It's been heart-warming to hear all the things the children are thankful for, as well as the positive qualities they recognise in themselves.

In our Nurture groups, the children had a great time making puppies and sharing stories about what they did over Christmas. It's been a lovely start to the term, and we're looking forward to more fun and learning ahead!



GOLDEN LEAVES

Class name	Child's name	Comment
Diamond	Lia	For always showing respect to adults and peers and having very polite manners.
Ruby	Lucas	For being so helpful in the classroom.
Topaz	Emily	For persevering with her writing.
Amethyst	Rayirth	For always listening and being respectful to the adults and children.
Emerald	Avnoor	For always being kind and respectful of others.
Sapphire	Edith	For her willingness to learn while always being respectful to her peers and adults.

OVERALL WINNING CLASS:

EMERALD



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PTA

Please join us on Monday 13th January at 20:00 for our first meeting of the year, via zoom. Joining details sent via Parentmail. We will be discussing ideas on this terms fundraisers. If you can't join but have an idea or would like to get involved, please email us pta@cri.tamat.org.uk



Spring Clubs @ CRI

Bookings are currently live for all clubs and can be made by contacting them directly. The flyers have been uploaded in the [Clubs](#) section of our [school website](#).



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			Young Magicians Year R, 1 & 2 8.00am – 8.45am	
	Playball Nursery 8.30am - 9am		Playball Nursery 8.30am - 9am	
Playball Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Playball Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Hotsteppers Dance Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Ultimate Coaching Year R 3pm - 4pm	Ultimate Coaching Year 1 & 2 3pm - 4.15pm
Jam Coding Year 1 & 2 3pm – 4pm	Camberley Judo Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	Playball Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Boogie Pumps Drama Year R, 1 & 2 3pm – 4pm	Genie Lab Year R, 1 & 2 3pm – 4pm

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Date: January 2025
Time: Tuesday 13.15 TBC
Location: Crawley Ridge Junior School

To book your place contact your SENDCO:

Lisa Culligan: lculligan@crj.tamat.org.uk

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