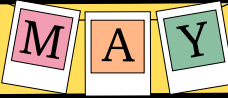




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Sunny Days ☀️ It's been a glorious week of sunshine here at Crawley Ridge Infant School, and the children have really enjoyed being able to make the most of our outdoor spaces. With the warmer weather, please do remember to send your child to school with a named water bottle (water only), a sun hat, and their summer uniform if they wish. It's also important that sun cream is applied before school, as staff are not able to apply it during the day. Let's keep everyone cool, safe, and sun-ready!

Bank Holiday Monday - School Closed 📅 A reminder that school will be closed on Monday 5th May for the Bank Holiday. We look forward to seeing all the children back on Tuesday 6th May at 08:35.

Reception Educational Visit - Tuesday 6th May 📅 Our Reception children are off on their school trip next Tuesday, and we know they're very excited! We've been helping them prepare by looking at maps and pictures, talking through the day, and learning what they can and can't go on. This helps the children feel confident and ready.

Here's a checklist for the day:

- A clearly named school water bottle
- School polo shirt and sweatshirt/cardigan
- Comfy trousers/leggings/shorts and trainers
- A coat or sun hat, depending on the weather
- Suncream applied at home before school
- A small rucksack

It's set to be a fun and active day, and we can't wait to hear all about their adventures!

Supporting Children with Trick Box 📦 At Crawley Ridge, we continue to use Trick Box to help children develop positive habits, build resilience, and work through tricky situations independently. It's a simple but powerful tool that we use in school every week.

You can find more about how it works and how to support it at home here:

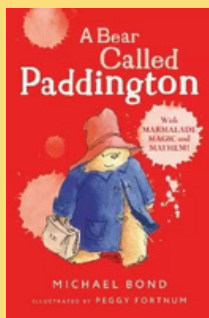
👉 [Trick Box at Crawley Ridge](#)

We hope you all have a lovely long weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Mr O'Shea 🍌

A message from our Assistant Headteacher Miss Saunders

Inspired by the release of the film Paddington in Peru which I am sure a lot of you watched during the Easter holidays, this week's recommended read is "A Bear Called Paddington." Michael Bond's delightful storytelling and Paddington's endearing mishaps make this a timeless read for all ages - and it's just as funny as the film!



DIARY DATES

- **Bank Holiday - Monday 5th May**
- Reception School Trip - Tuesday 6th May
- **Reception Reading/Phonics workshop - Thursday 8th May 8.45am - 9.15am**
- Class and Leavers Photos - Monday 12th May
- Reception extra forest school session - 12th May
- **Year 1 Parents' Phonics Briefing - Tuesday 13th May @ 08:45 - 09:15**
- Reception National Child Measurement Programme - Thursday 15th May
- **PTA Bake Sale - Friday 16th May @ 15:00**
- Year 2 School Trip - Monday 19th May
- Reception National Child Measurement Programme for those that weren't in - 21st May
- Break up for May half-term - Friday 23rd May @ 3pm
- Year 1 School Trip - Thursday 5th June
- **PTA Own clothes day for a £1 donation - Friday 6th June**
- Sports Day - Friday 13th June @ 09:15 - 10:30
- **Nursery Stay & Plays - 17th June to the 20th June @ 14:30**
- **Reception Pirate Day - Friday 20th June**

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This week, we've been exploring the hot and sunny Savannah, inspired by the story **One Day in the Savannah**. The warm weather has been perfect for learning about hot places and the incredible animals that live there. We got creative making elephant masks, junk-modelling snakes and beautifully painted stripy zebras. We've also made our own 'feely' snakes, with lots of different textured materials and enjoyed describing what our snakes feel like. The children made their own binoculars and then used them during our exciting safari ride to spot hidden animals – such fun!

Next week, we'll be heading to chillier climates as we learn about cold countries and the animals that live there, before comparing hot and cold places.



REC

This week in Reception, our focus book has been **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** by Eric Carle. The children have been learning about the caterpillar life cycle, completing related puzzles, mixing paint to explore different shades of green, and creating repeating pattern caterpillars. They also produced some writing linked to the story, practising key sentence and storytelling skills.

The children have also enjoyed taking their learning outdoors this week — hunting for minibeasts, exploring the sandpit, using the bikes and scooters, and spending time in the mud kitchen, building on their curiosity and developing social and physical skills through play.

In maths, we have been looking at teen numbers, exploring how they are made up of tens and ones. This has been supported with the use of Dienes, cubes, Numicon, and part-whole models to build understanding in different ways.

In phonics, children have worked in smaller groups to focus on specific sounds and to practise reading more complex words, tailored to their current stage of development.



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This week in KS1 we have...

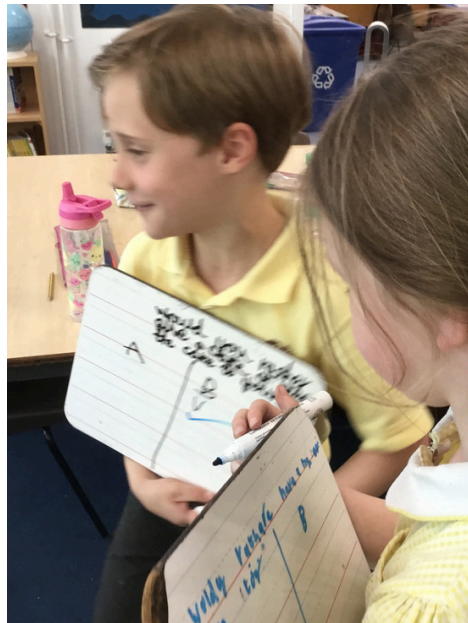
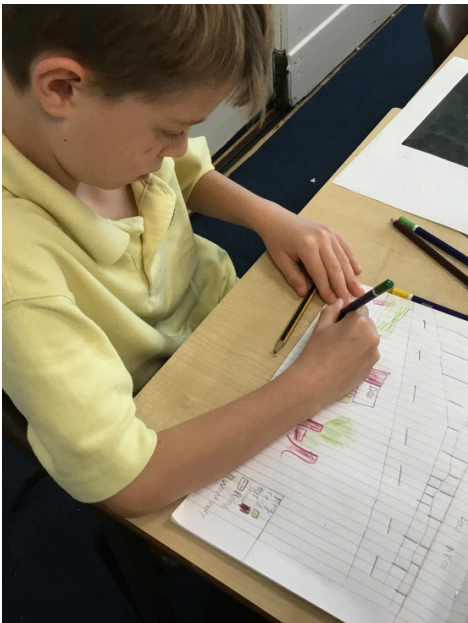
YEAR 1

This week in Year 1, we've had a fantastic time exploring new topics and building on our learning together. In English, we've been reading **Coming to England** by Floella Benjamin and **Katie in London** by James Mayhew as part of our learning about London landmarks. The children loved identifying places like Big Ben and Buckingham Palace and linking them to the stories. In Maths, we've been learning about adding equal groups as an introduction to multiplication. The children used objects and drawings to help understand the concept, and we then moved on to arrays to show repeated addition in a clear, visual way. In Geography, we have started learning about the UK, with a focus on England this week. We've been looking at the English flag, where England is on a map, and learning about its capital city. In Science, our topic is *Plants*. We went on a nature walk around the school to spot different plants and trees – the children were brilliant nature detectives! We wish you all a relaxing and happy long bank holiday weekend! The Year 1 Team.



YEAR 2

In English this week we have been reading non-fiction texts about mini-beasts especially books about bees. The children have enjoyed writing their own non chronological reports about bees. Did you know bees dance to communicate? This week in maths we have been learning about fractions. The children have been learning to find halves, thirds and quarters of shapes and numbers. In Art we have started our new unit on sketching. Last week we learnt about the artist Maria Sibylla Merian. This week we have been learning to make light and dark using different grades of pencils and pressure. We also learnt to create different textures using different drawing techniques. In Geography we have been learning about maps. This week, the children created their own sketch map, including a key. In Science we have been looking at minibeasts and habitats. We went on a hunt for woodlice. In computing, the children had a brilliant time creating their own flipbooks as part of our investigation about animations.



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Nurture Hub & Golden Acorns

We hope you had a wonderful Easter!

Here in the Nurture Hub, we've been enjoying the beautiful summer sunshine and spending lots of time outdoors. This term, we've had the pleasure of welcoming many new children, and we're so pleased to see how well they've all settled in.

We're also excited to introduce a new Nurture intervention: our weekly Finger Gym! This fun and engaging session helps children strengthen their fingers and hand muscles through a range of playful exercises and games.

If you happen to have any spare old pots and pans at home, we would be very grateful for donations. They're perfect for our potion-making and also any spare playdough / putty for our playdough activities—which are proving to be a big hit with the children!



GOLDEN LEAVES

Class name	Child's name	Comment
Diamond	Robyn	For always trying her best.
Ruby	Nina	For always being ready to learn.
Topaz	Isaac	For his positive contribution to learning in Topaz class.
Amethyst	Shivam	For trying really hard with his writing
Emerald	Nacoma	For being a good friend
Sapphire	Jana	For always going above and beyond in her learning and relationships with her peers. .

OVERALL WINNING CLASS:

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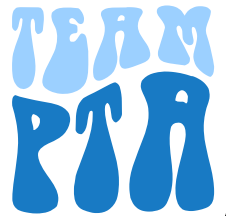




PTA

This year's joint **Summer Fair** will be held on Saturday 21st June. If you would like to be part of the planning team please let us know either through the WhatsApp group or via email pta@cri.tamat.org.uk

Save the Date - **Class Bake sale** Friday 16th May after school. Reception classes to provide the Bakes (nut free please)



Summer 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
	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 - 4pm	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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