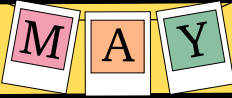




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Outdoor Adventures at Crawley Ridge It's been a lively week at Crawley Ridge as we've made the most of our wonderful school grounds. Children across the year groups have been enjoying outdoor learning opportunities - from storytelling in the woodlands, to scientific investigations on the field, and creative play in the Pirate Ship area. The sunshine has lifted everyone's spirits and it's been a joy to see so much curiosity and engagement outside the classroom.

A Reminder About Water Bottles We've recently noticed more children bringing in bottles filled with squash or flavoured cordials. Just a gentle reminder that Crawley Ridge is a water-only school. Children should only have plain still water in their bottles during the school day - this keeps them hydrated, supports concentration, and helps us maintain healthy habits across the school. Thank you for your support with this.

Reading at Home - Why It Matters Reading regularly at home is one of the most powerful ways you can support your child's learning. Our recent data shows that a number of children are not reading consistently at home, and this has a clear impact on their progress in school - particularly in understanding vocabulary, reading fluency, and even writing. We know life is busy, but even 10 minutes of shared reading each evening makes a huge difference. Scroll further down this newsletter for tips and ideas on how to keep reading fun and engaging at home. If you'd like extra support or book recommendations, please speak to your child's class teacher - we're always happy to help.

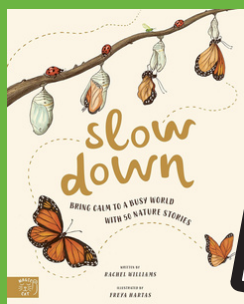
Final Week of Term Approaching It's hard to believe, but we're nearly at the end of this short half term! Just one more week to go before we break up for a well-earned rest. A reminder that school finishes at the normal time of 3:00pm on Friday 23rd May, and children return to school at 08:35am on Monday 2nd June. Please make sure your child is on time and ready to learn after the break - every day counts!

Wishing you all a restful weekend and a smooth final week of term.

Mr O'Shea ✨

A message from our Assistant Headteacher Miss Saunders

'Slow Down' by Rachel Williams is a beautifully illustrated collection that encourages readers to pause and appreciate the small wonders of nature happening around them every day. With 50 mindful moments, this book fosters calm and mindfulness, making it a delightful read for both children and adults.



DIARY DATES

- 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 (Rec - Yr 2) - Friday 13th June @ 09:15 - 10:30
- Nursery Stay & Plays - 16th June to the 20th June @ 14:30
- Reception Pirate Day - Friday 20th June 15:00
- **CRJ/CRJ Summer Fair - Saturday 21st June @ 12:00 - 8th July**
- **PTA Class Discos and Own Clothes Day - Tuesday 11th July @ 2-3 for Rec & Yr 1 and @ 3-4 for Yr 2**
- **Year 1 Celebration of Learning (parents in) - Tuesday 15th July @ 14:30**
- **Year 2 Adventure Day at school - Tuesday 15th July @ 2pm**
- Year 2 Graduation @ St. Paul's - Wednesday 16th July

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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.

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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NUR

This week in Nursery, we've been exploring the rainforest through the wonderful story **The Monkey Puzzle!** The children loved retelling the tale! We got creative making magnificent monkey masks and painting beautiful butterflies. Our rainforest sensory tray was great fun; our little explorers used magnifying glasses to hunt for hidden rainforest bugs and creatures. We also discovered some delicious fruits that grow in the rainforest, engaging our senses as we smelled, touched, and tasted them. The highlight? Making and enjoying our very own rainforest fruity smoothie!

Next week, we're diving into **Commotion in the Ocean** as we begin our exciting journey under the sea. If anyone has any small to medium cardboard boxes (no bigger than an adult shoe box) please send them in for us to use for our ocean junk modelling.



REC

Our story of the week has been 'Mad About Minibeasts'. We have loved learning lots of minibeast facts and discussing where we might find them.

We have listened to various minibeast non-fiction books and stories. We have loved creating Henri Matisse inspired snail collages, bug hotels, minibeast prints and different minibeast characters.

The children have completed some fantastic writing, giving clues for others to guess what their minibeasts are. They loved sharing these with the class to see who got them right.

In our maths we have been looking at how shapes are different from each other, discussing their properties such as straight or curved sides, how many sides they have and if they have corners, we have also looked at how some shapes can fit into other shapes.



This week in KS1 we have...

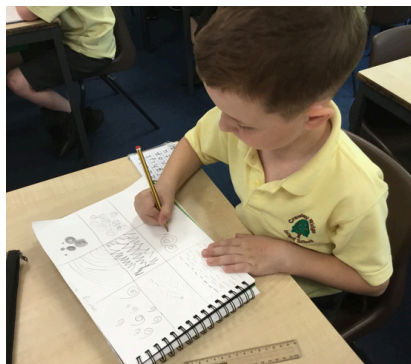
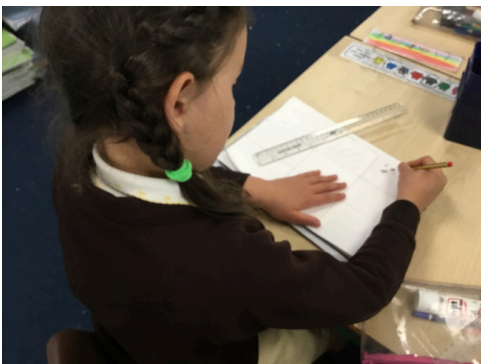
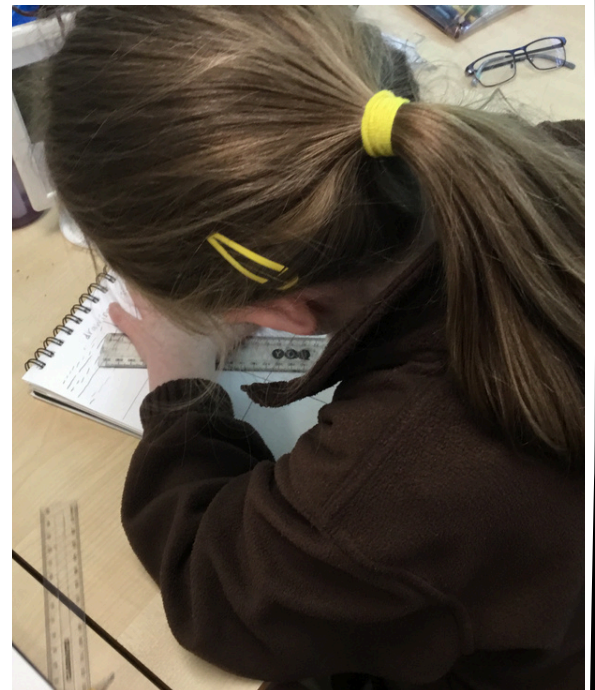
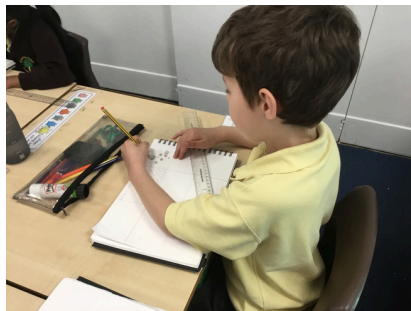
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First of all a big thank you to all who were able to attend our Phonics Screening Meeting on Tuesday morning. It was great to see so many of you there; we do really appreciate your ongoing support in your children's learning. In English this week we have continued to explore **Grandad's Island**. The children have written about the journey to the island, crossing oceans and seas, spotting mermaids and whales splashing in the waves, before describing what they see when they finally arrive on the island. Next week we are magically going to spend the morning on Grandad's Island, experiencing a bit of life on the wild side! Maths has focussed on halves this week, exploring halves of shapes before then moving onto find the half of an even number. For Year 1 we have simply been focussing on sharing amounts into 2 equal groups, then understanding that one group is half. Geography saw us visit Wales this week as we continued our exploration of the United Kingdom. We discovered that Wales is one of the few countries in the world to have a mythical creature on its flag and we also drew pictures of the national flower (Daffodil) and some traditional food. During art we experimented with watercolour paints this week, creating beautiful paintings of some imaginary plants. This continues our exploration of plants linked to science, before we move on to creating our 3D plant sculptures next week. With this in mind, can we make another plea for all your boxes, tubes and colourful paper and card to help with our models as we currently don't have enough for everyone. Have a good weekend.



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In English this week we have been publishing our own non-chronological reports about a minibeast. We have also been practising using conjunctions and different sentence types. This week in maths we have continued to learn about fractions. The children have been learning to find three quarters of a number and solving problems involving fractions. In Art we have been sketching natural objects and using a variety of techniques to show texture. The children's drawings look amazing. In geography we have been learning about spider maps. The children did an excellent job of showing distance and direction. In Science we have been learning more about the lifecycles of different minibeasts.



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Golden Acorns

GOLDEN LEAVES

Class name	Child's name	Comment
Diamond	Kevin	For such enthusiasm and excitement during his OT sessions
Ruby	Ishar	For coming up with excellent, imaginative ideas in drawing club
Topaz	Reuben	For developing his independent writing skills
Amethyst	Charlie	For improved focus leading to some excellent writing!
Emerald	James	For always asking questions
Sapphire	Hector	For always being ready, respectful and safe

OVERALL WINNING CLASS:

SAPPHIRE



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PTA

Summer Fair - tickets on sale now. This year's joint Summer Fair will be held on Saturday 21st June 12:00 - 15:00. Early bird price tickets are on sale now. You can sign up for a volunteer slot at the same time as buying, we can't run the Fair without you!

Having a **Spring clear out**? We will happily take any soft toys, good quality bric-a-brac (e.g. Unwanted gift's, good quality toys, un-used craft kits) donations. Please leave your items with the school office.



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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You might be interested in...

Beating asthma together- parent and carers session 18th June 7.30-8pm
The Surrey Heartlands children and young people's team are hosting a half hour session for parents and carers enabling them to understand and take better control of their child's asthma.

Let's tackle asthma head-on – together!

Understand what asthma really is

- ✔ Spot the signs before they escalate
- ✔ Learn what works – at home and in school
- ✔ Build a solid action plan
- ✔ Get expert answers to your questions

Clear. Practical. Life-saving.

Don't miss this chance to feel more confident and better prepared [click here to book](#)

Kind Regards

Sarah Lyles (pronouns: she/her/hers)
#MyNamels phonetic spelling: Sair – rah

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Holiday Camps

Crawley Ridge Multi-Sports Camp
Football - Dodgeball - Tennis - & MORE!!
Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th May

Time: 9.30am – 3.00pm
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Available to Years 1 to 6

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Enjoy the outdoors but 'be tick aware'

Ticks can transmit microbes that cause infections such as Lyme disease or tick borne encephalitis.

Being tick aware by using the following information can help to reduce the chance of tick bites and of being infected:

- you could be exposed to ticks whenever you spend time outdoors, including when in your garden or the local park
- ticks mainly attach to animals, but sometimes they may bite you, your family or your pets
- you can reduce the chance of tick bites by walking on clearly defined paths, using insect repellent and performing **regular tick checks**
- ticks can bite anywhere on the body, including in your hair. More than one tick can be attached to you at a time
- some tick bites can result in infection, so it is important to remove ticks safely and as quickly as possible
- the safest way to remove a tick is by using a pair of **fine-tipped** tweezers or a tick removal tool
- if you begin to feel unwell with flu-like symptoms, persistent headache, confusion or develop a spreading circular red rash (which usually appears within 1 to 4 weeks after being bitten), **contact your GP or NHS 111 promptly.** Mention if you were bitten by a tick or have recently spent time outdoors

Tick sizes compared to a one penny coin



Tick in the environment



Tick attached to skin



Lyme disease bullseye rash



Tick found under hair



For more information, search for the phrases 'ticks' and 'Lyme disease' on these websites:

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