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**Staff Update** 🙌 This week we said goodbye to one of our midday supervisors, Mrs Jakub. Thank you for everything you have done for the school and our children - we wish you all the very best. We are also pleased to welcome back Mrs L. McDermott, who many of you may remember has worked with us before in this role. It's great to have you back!

**Author Visit - Sean Perkins** 🇬🇧 On Wednesday we were lucky enough to welcome Sean Perkins, the author and illustrator of the Oscar and Ben book series. Sean led interactive readings with each year group and had the children laughing and joining in throughout the story. He encouraged the children to think about rhyming words, with lots of fantastic ideas coming from the children. Each session ended with a guitar singalong, which the children absolutely loved. It was a wonderful way to inspire a love of reading.

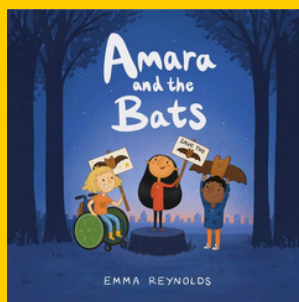
**Parents' Evening - Thank You** 🕒 A big thank you to all parents and carers for being punctual for your appointments this week. Both evenings ran like clockwork - the power of the bell! I would also like to thank our class teachers, who spend many hours preparing for these meetings and giving up their evenings to speak with families. Your hard work and dedication are truly appreciated. If you missed your appointment, it is unfortunately unlikely that we will be able to arrange another meeting, as I need to protect staff working hours and wellbeing.

**Spring into Spring - Amazing Effort!** 🌸 A huge thank you to everyone taking part in our Spring into Spring challenge. So far we have raised over £2,500 for the school - incredible! Lots of glittery bunny stickers were handed out in assembly this morning. There is one week left to collect sponsorship. The class that raises the most will win a movie afternoon with popcorn and a drink. Team Topaz are currently in the lead, but Amethyst are catching up quickly - and who knows, maybe Sapphire will have a sprint finish! Every child who shares a photo of them taking part will receive a glittery bunny sticker in assembly. Thank you to all families supporting the children and helping raise funds for the school.

Have a lovely weekend everyone! 🌈  
Mr O'Shea

## *A message from our Assistant Headteacher Mrs Roberts*

This week's book is the inspiring Amara and the Bats by Emma Reynolds. It tells the tale of young Amara's quest to bring bats back to her town and raise the profile of these often unloved creatures. Amara leads the reader on a journey of perseverance, hope and the power of community action, with her love of wildlife and a determination to make a difference at its core. The book also has facts and information about bats at the back of the book - if you didn't know anything about bats beforehand you certainly will after reading this uplifting and informative book.



## DIARY DATES

- TAMAT Music Concert (Selected year one children only) 17<sup>th</sup> March
- Spring into Spring winning class treat afternoon - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March
- Year 2 Samba Workshop - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March
- Reception Easter Bonnet Parade - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March @ 1pm
- **Break up for Easter - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March @ 13:30**
- **INSET Day School closed to children - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April**
- **Summer 1 Term Begins - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April**
- Nursery tours - 21<sup>st</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 29th April @ 09:45
- Bank holiday school closed - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May
- Reception school trip - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May

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## NUR

This week in nursery we have been learning about mummy and baby animals, focusing on the story **Are You My Mummy?** The children enjoyed learning the names of different baby animals and talking about how some look just like their mummies, only smaller, while others change a lot as they grow. The children took part in matching puzzles and games, and loved playing different versions of "Rescue the Baby," helping baby animals find their way back to their mums. Our craft activities included making handprints, making animal masks and comparing the size of our hands with our friends' hands and baby handprints. The children have also loved checking on our cress and bean growing experiments and noticing the first signs of growth. Next week is very exciting as our eggs will be delivered! We will keep them in nursery for two weeks before the ducklings return to the farm, and the children will be learning all about life cycles. 🐣



## REC

Reception have had a wonderfully busy week filled with stories, science and lots of hands-on creativity. Our focus story has been **Jasper's Beanstalk**, where Jasper discovers a bean but becomes very impatient while waiting for it to grow! Inspired by the story, the children planted their own beans and are now eagerly watching for signs of their very own beanstalks. As part of British Science Week, we also began an exciting experiment to investigate whether cress grows better in the fridge, to simulate conditions on the moon, or in the sunshine. The children made brilliant predictions and are looking forward to checking the results over the coming days. On Wednesday morning, we were thrilled to welcome a visiting author. The children listened beautifully and joined in with the words and songs. Throughout the week, Reception have been busy with creative and curriculum activities. The children enjoyed junk modelling castles for the top of their beanstalks, learned about the parts of a plant and labelled them, made repeating patterns using beans, and even created "wanted" posters for the giant! In phonics, some children have moved on to learning the sounds oo (as in spoon) and or (as in for), while others have been working on sh and th or revisiting single sounds. In maths, we explored odd and even numbers, found doubles to 10, and learned about ordinal numbers (1st, 2nd, 3rd, and so on).

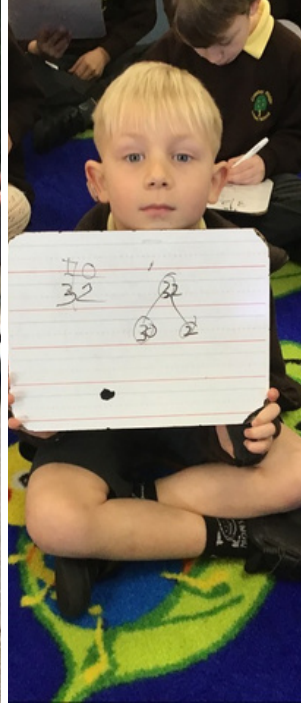




# This week in KS1 we have...

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Another busy week for Year 1 including an author visit, British Science Week and all the other learning in between. English saw us finishing off our **Stuck** stories, adding the final few items up into the tree before our prized possession finally came unstuck. We then moved on to a bit of poetry to finish the week, writing an acrostic poem which hopefully some of you will enjoy this weekend! Maths this week was all about place value, focussing on numbers ranging from 20 to 50. We have again revisited 10's and 1's within these numbers, exploring what the numerals represent within a number, for example in 37 the 3 representing 3 tens and the 7 representing 7 ones. In our foundation subjects we experimented with different planes designs as part of British Science Week, we learnt about Samuel Cody in History and in Design and Technology we planned our fruit salad which we will prepare and taste next week. During PSHE we discussed how to look after something carefully and in RE we continued learning the Easter story, starting to create our own small Easter gardens. Have a wonderful weekend. The Year 1 Team



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This week the children have loved reading the story **'The Egg' by M.P. Robertson**. They have been practising using interesting verbs and adverbs. We have also been practicing writing exclamation sentences. In maths the children have been learning to compare and order by length and height. They have also been solving problems involving all four operations. In D.T. this week the children have been making the templates for their carnival masks. This week was British Science Week. The theme this year was 'Curiosity: What's your question?' The children had a great time designing and making rafts. They then tested the rafts by adding weight to see which designs would float after adding a crew. In geography we have continued learning about Brazil. The children compared the capital cities of London and Brasilia. In computing the children were learning to create an animation using the program Scratch Jr. The children added characters to their project and used coding blocks to make the characters move. The children were thrilled to see their characters move.



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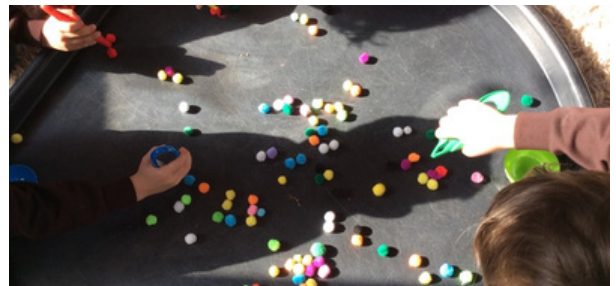
# The Nurture Hub

## This week in the Nurture Hub

We've had a wonderful week filled with creativity, exploration, and skill-building activities.

Our fine motor skills group enjoyed using tweezers to pick up colourful pompoms, pretending they were sparkling diamonds. The children were highly engaged and showed great concentration as they carefully collected each one. We were also able to spend time down on the field, which the children absolutely loved. They explored the space with enthusiasm and took part in rocket and ball games—great opportunities for teamwork, coordination, and plenty of fun!

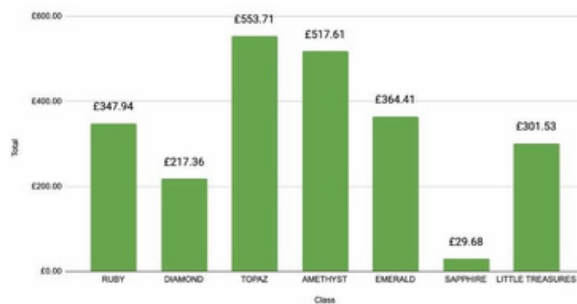
To finish off the week, the children created their own crowns using metallic shapes and a range of embellishments. They took great pride in decorating their crowns and were delighted to wear them once they were complete.



## PTA

A heart felt **thank you** to Alison (a Yr 2 Parent) who baked all the wonderful Mother's Day cupcakes for the tea and cake takeaway orders.

Just one week left of **Spring into Spring!** Don't forget to post the children's efforts onto the schools private Facebook page or show a photo to their Teacher and they will get a glittery bunny sticker from Mr O'Shea.



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# Clubs

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. **Please check term dates for clubs via their own website.**



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<b>Playball</b> Nursery 8.30am - 9am		<b>Playball</b> Nursery 8.30am - 9am	
<b>Playball</b> Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	<b>Playball</b> Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	<b>Hotsteppers</b> <b>Dance</b> Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	<b>Boogie Pumps</b> <b>Drama</b> Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	
<b>Mad Science</b> Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	<b>Camberley</b> <b>Judo</b> Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	<b>Playball</b> Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	<b>14 Sports Football</b> Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	
	<b>Maths</b> Year 1 & 2 3pm - 3.50pm	<b>Book Club</b> Year 1 & 2 3pm - 3.50pm <span style="color:red">NEW!</span>		

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