

# Springfield Newsletter

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## A note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

The development of our wider curriculum has been a key priority for the school. A key part of this has been the creation of the **Forest School** and **outdoor learning programme**. On the back of this extensive work, I am pleased to let parents know that we have secured the **Platinum Green Tree Award from the Woodland Trust** in recognition of what has been achieved. Thank-you to Mr Davies, staff and the children for their endeavours to make this part of the school's provision for learning such a success; well-done to all!



Following from our **visiting author workshops led by Joshua Seigal** last week, **Book Week** has provided opportunities for children to develop even further their love of literature. We were very impressed by the costumes on Thursday, as children graced the catwalk on Thursday. Thank-you to all families for supporting this week.



**Year 3 Family Learning** this week was a science-based afternoon in which families explored different types of plants and dissected daffodils. In **Nursery, Family Learning** heard children singing, learning about numbers and maths within the learning stations and the outdoor provision. Thank-you to all who were able to attend these events.

**Woodpecker Class** have been practising very hard for their **family assembly this week**. In the assembly children shared the books that they enjoyed reading.



As part of **Year 5s curriculum** Miss Bullock arranged for **Osprey Class** to visit the **local allotment**. Pupils learnt about planting, spoke with the Allotment Team and planted their own vegetables.

At the end of this term we will sadly be saying farewell to **Miss Croft (Assistant Headteacher and SENCo)** who will be relocating. Miss Croft joined us nearly four years ago and in this time her positive impact within the school has been significant. I am sure you will join with me in wishing her all the very best for the future. In place of Miss Croft, we have recruited, **Mrs Wilby as our new SENCo**, who will be in post from the beginning of the summer term. Mrs Wilby is highly-experienced and has worked within the locality and the Surrey SEND Team and so there will be continuity for families. Mrs Wilby will begin to meet with families in the coming week as part of this transition.

I wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs Caroline Gibbins  
Headteacher

## Dates for your diary

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March**  
Parents' Evening (in school)  
4.00-7.00pm

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March**  
Parents' Evening (virtual)  
3.45-6.05pm

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March**  
Parent Forum, 9.30am  
(virtual meeting)

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March**  
ASD/Pastoral Coffee  
Morning, 9am

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April**  
Last Day of Spring Term,  
Finish 1.30pm

## Open Mornings

Nursery Open Mornings  
9.30-10.30am

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March

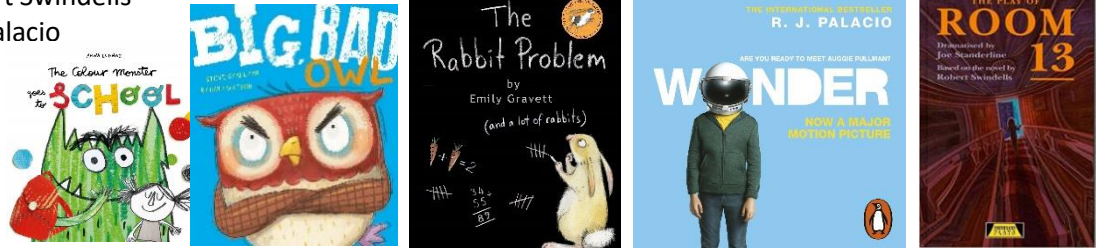
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## English at Springfield

Following the successful visit of Joshua Seigal last Friday, Springfield began a book week where year groups all focused on a different text:

- Reception** - The Colour Monster goes to School - Anna Llenas
- Year 1** - Big Bad Owl - Steve Smallman
- Year 2** - The Highway Rat - Julia Donaldson
- Year 3** - The Rabbit Problem - Emily Gravett
- Year 4** - The Day the Crayons Quit - Drew Daywait
- Year 5** - Room 13 - Robert Swindells
- Year 6** - Wonder - R. J. Palacio



We then enjoyed World Book Day on Thursday, where children got to dress up as their favourite book character, created their own poems linked to Joshua Seigal's visit and listened to different teachers read a story to them. Not to mention the fashion parade which the children enjoyed!



## Maths at Springfield

### Maths in Early Years – How to Support Children at Home

Play is an activity that is used by children to make sense of the world; you will observe them playing and practicing favourite games and activities over and over again in order to explore, investigate and recreate. This is why it is important to ensure that maths is experienced through play as much as possible.

For many, maths in adulthood can cause sweaty palms and often results in reaching for a calculator. However, simple maths can support children and babies in their early years, it's multi-sensory and is everywhere. It can happen through music, movement and mark making, both indoors and outdoors. In fact, most areas of a child's everyday play and experiences can incorporate maths, such as shopping, baking, climbing the stairs or setting the table at meal times. It happens through music, songs and rhymes, stories and can be seen out and about in the environment through traffic signs, house numbers, buildings etc. Maths is not just about counting, it also includes shape, patterns, sequencing, size, weight, estimating, and solving problems.



The importance of counting is a child's first experience of number and maths; it supports children in learning to count and understand the number system and its value, which they will need throughout their lives. Children should practice counting every day both at home and in nursery and learn the value of numbers. Children also need to know that numbers can be represented in words (i.e. one, two, three) and in pattern (e.g. dominoes). It is crucial that we as adults support children's interest in numbers and promote their learning in a positive environment.

## Awards

This week's **Lead Learners** were celebrated today, the focus being **'showing enthusiasm in reading'**:

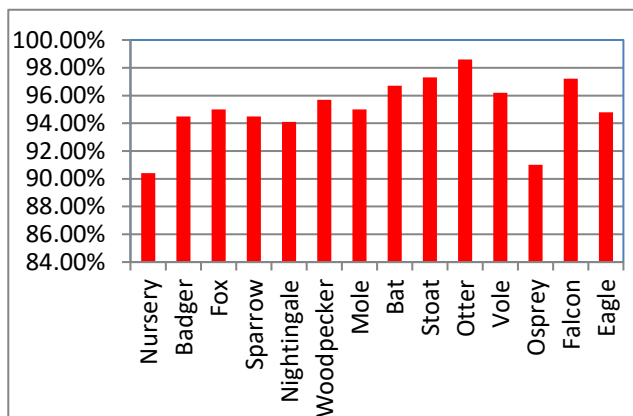
Sparrow	- Grace	Stoat	- Oliver
Nightingale	- Esther	Otter	- Logan
Woodpecker	- Martha	Vole	- Arnold
Mole	- Florence	Osprey	- Johnpaul
Bat	- Jack	Eagle	- Bethany
		Falcon	- Mylo

This week's **Super Citizens** were celebrated today, the focus was **'demonstrating a healthy balanced diet'**:

Sparrow	- Innayat	Stoat	- Sam
Nightingale	- Oliver	Otter	- Albie
Woodpecker	- Ryan	Vole	- Giorgio
Mole	- Mustafa	Osprey	- Tom
Bat	- Phoebe	Eagle	- Jai
		Falcon	- Liam

Our **Reception Kings and Queens** for this week are:

Badger Class:	Fox Class:
King - Vincent	King - Kevin
Queen - Samaria	Queen - Brooke



**Attendance** – Winners of the attendance cup for the week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> February are:

**EYFS/KS1:** Fox – 98.3%

**KS2:** Stoat – 97.7%

**TT Rockstars** – Otter Class are our TT Rockstars winners this week. Our top 3 TT Rockstars with the most improved in accuracy are Rahimeen (Y6), Noah (Y4) and Leila (Y3).

**Numbots** – Mole class are our Numbots winners this week. Our top 3 Numbots Stars with the most correct answers are Xaphiae (Y1), Jack (Y2), Charlotte (Y2)

- James achieved Chrome level
- Maelys achieved Steel level

Well-done everyone!

**Gugafit winners** – Vole Class are winners for week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> February.

**Housepoint winners** – 1st place Chestnut - 108, 2nd place Pine – 93, 3rd place Willow – 81, 4th place Beech - 68

The focus for Lead Learner next week is, good listening.

The focus for Super Citizen next week is, being physically active in and out of school.

## Forest School

The Year 5 children have been having fun creating structures with natural resources in their first weekly Forest School session. They initially looked at the types of challenges that they may face during the session and discussed how to overcome these through using teamwork and communication skills. As a first challenge, the groups needed to build the highest structures using some of the branches that were laying in the outdoor learning area. We were impressed at the camaraderie and teamwork displayed, and how the groups within a competition were so supportive of each other. We are proud of the work the year 5 children have undertaken to improve The Burrow through their first session, and we look forward to developing the group further as the term continues. Well done year 5.



## Sport

Last Friday the girls' football team took part in an epic battle vs Stanwell. The game swayed from 1-0 up, to 2-1 down but the resilience prevailed and with the game looking to finish as a draw the girls managed to get a goal just before the final minutes to take the 3 points, with Megan grabbing the winner. Player of the match went to Isla who scored twice, including an amazing free kick.

Well done to Baneet, Chloe, Molly, Ava, Bethany, Megan, Maizy, Isla and Lola.

