



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to the spring term. I hope you all had a lovely holiday with your children and all feel refreshed and ready for the new term. Thank you all for your lovely gifts and cards, they were very much appreciated.

Toddler group was up and running on Wednesday, it was lovely to see the children enjoying being back after the break. Well done to Otters and morning and afternoon Nursery for getting your children to school on time this year! It gives them a really good start to arrive in time for the beginning of the day. In reception we do our focused caption writing first thing and the children really benefit from having a smooth, calm and focused start to the day.

some new resources, adding them to this wonderful creation they spent a whole session on.



The children have also been learning to read their names on the register board. On Thursday the children found lots of worms in the mud kitchen, after they spent some time digging.



## NURSERY

In Nursery this week the children have been excited and happy to start the new term. Well done to our four new starters; Saphia, Saif, Isabel and Ruby, who have settled in brilliantly! The children have been busy painting, drawing and playing in the sandpit this week. They have also enjoyed using



## RECEPTION

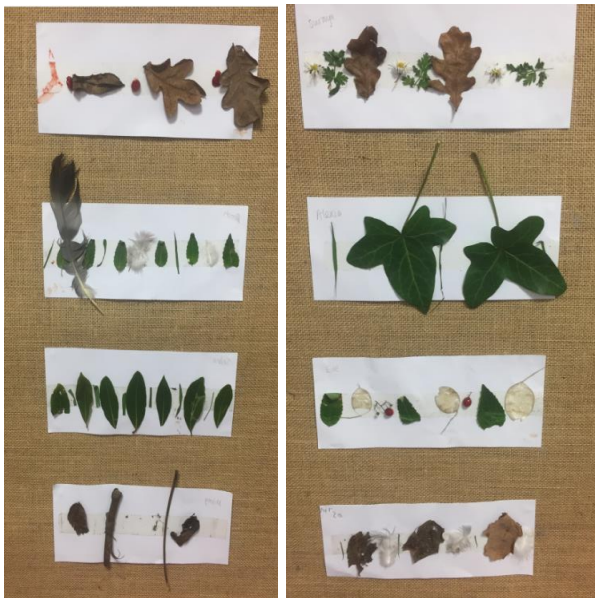
This week in Reception the children have been reading the story of 'The Ginger bread Man' and acting it out in their play. I have seen some wonderful inspired work in both



classes. In Pine Martens the girls made some wonderful Ginger bread cakes.



In Maths the children have been looking at, and making repeating patterns. On Wednesday in the field they made some wonderful patterns using natural objects. Here is some of Otters lovely work.



Next week in reception we are starting Daily Reading. Please, please make sure your child arrives in school promptly just before 8.45am. If they are late, even by a few minutes, you will be depriving them of valuable learning time.

## Year 1

In Year 1 this week the children have been doing some 'Inspire Maths', focusing on addition, in their focus groups. They have also been reading and acting out 'The Three Little Pigs'. I was lucky to catch some improvised performances in Kahlo. Well done Connor and Seb!



During free flow the children have been investigating how to get the wooden blocks to balance! They also made their own Dinosaur museum; they wrote captions for each dinosaur, decided on an entry price and ensured all visitors paid the correct amount.



## Dates to Remember

### JANUARY

#### **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Daily Reading starts in Reception**

Reception reading parents, we are starting on Monday, I will sign you in at the normal gate and you can go straight in to class with your children and the teachers will show you to your packs, which you can look through whilst the children are having registration.

If you want to read, or have had the training and do not know which days you are doing, please let your class teacher know or send me an email: [jessica.mendelssohn@georgetomlinson.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:jessica.mendelssohn@georgetomlinson.waltham.sch.uk)

### FEBRUARY

Monday 4th Feb AM Nursery Library trip t.b.c.  
Thursday 8th Feb PM Nursery Library trip t.b.c.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Reception Family Morning

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February – HALF TERM