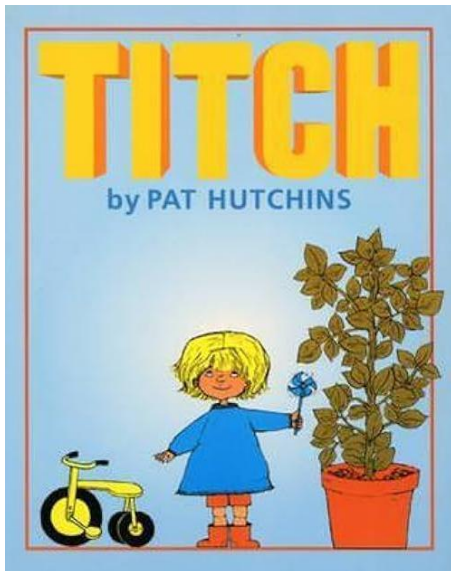




Learning to bring out the best in everyone.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February



What a busy week – welcome back – we hope you had a good half term holiday.

This half term our theme is 'growing' and our focus book this week was Titch by Pat Hutchins. We enjoyed listening to the story, and watched animated versions of further Titch stories. The children enjoyed planting sunflower seeds and talked about what they need to grow. We have set up an experiment to find out by giving



seeds different conditions.

The Reception children sequenced events from the book and wrote a caption. They had fun making pinwheels like the one Titch had in the book. They also talked about what they can do now compared with when they were babies.

In **LITERACY** the Year 1 children have continued to work on writing about the seasons. They found out lots of facts about what happens in winter and about foxes and bats and used what they had learnt to write sentences.

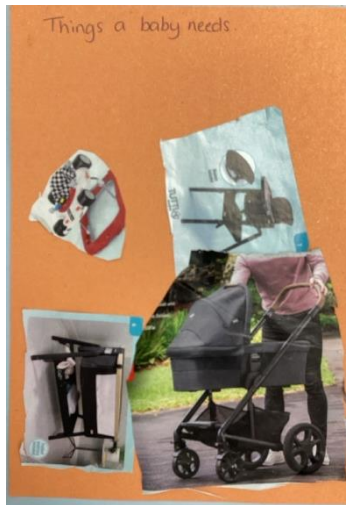
**MATHS** Reception worked on the number 16, using a range of apparatus to make the number. They worked on numbers 1 more and 1 less up to 16. They counted 16 1p coins and swapped pennies for 2p, 10p and 5p coins to show 16p in different ways. They also jumped on and back along a number line. The Year 1 children worked on counting to 50 and partitioning numbers up to 50 into 10s and 1s, using Numicon, part part whole model, and Base 10 diagrams.

**PHONICS** This week we carried out assessments to find out which sounds the children have remembered. Next week Reception will start working on Phase 3 (j v w x) and Year 1 will be working on the Phase 3 sounds they do not yet know, and continuing with Phase 5 alternative ways of writing sounds.

**CREATIVE** Year 1 used their knowledge of materials that float and sink to design, make a list of materials, and then make a raft to take a toy between two islands.

**GEOGRAPHY** The Year 1 children were introduced to the location of the islands of Struay and Grenada, which we will be learning about this term.

The **Nursery** children had a lovely time finding out all about what babies need and what they can do when baby George visited with his mummy. They asked lots of questions. Some of the children cut items that babies need from catalogues.



Our **Star of the Week** is **Iris** who has worked hard, and has been very enthusiastic, sharing her knowledge and ideas. Well done, **Iris!**

**REQUEST** A few children have been wearing watches to school. This is fine if they just have the time on them, as we do learn about clocks and telling the time in school. However, we have noticed that some watches, such as Vtech smart watches, have other functions, such as games/music/cameras. We would be grateful if, for a number of reasons, the children don't wear this type of watch to school. Thank you for your support with this.

### Home Learning

**Nursery** You might like to do some planting this week. Perhaps you could grow some cress in a pot like this one.



**Reception** Continue to read to an adult every day. Can you say which part of the story you like best and why.

**Year 1** Continue to read to an adult every day. Partitioning numbers Maths sheet in home learning book.

Have a lovely weekend, Thames Class Team