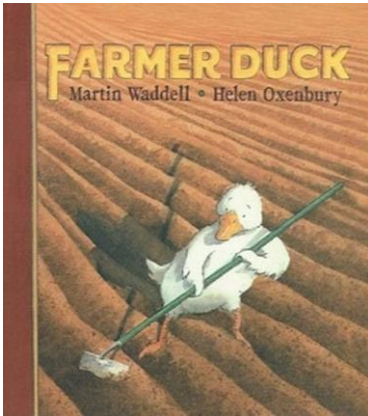


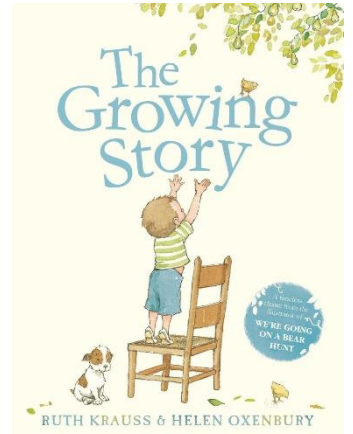


Learning to bring out the best in everyone.

Friday 4th April



We have had a lovely two weeks in Thames Class. Last week our theme book was Farmer Duck by Martin Waddell and Helen Oxenbury; and this week we focussed our learning on The Growing Story by Ruth Krauss and Helen Oxenbury.



In **LITERACY** Reception talked about what grows on a farm. They

created and labelled a farm layout. They wrote sentences combining the character Farmer Duck with the theme of The Enormous Turnip, choosing which vegetable he grew and using words that mean the same as big. They looked at the character growing up in The Growing Story, comparing them at the beginning with how they had changed at the end of the book, and talked about how they have changed.

Year 1 have continued to work on a fiction text called The Flower by John Light and Lisa Evans, collecting vocabulary and phrases to write sentences to use in their own stories.

MATHS Reception have focussed on the number 20, learning that 2 tens make 20, and working out halves of numbers within 20 (12, 14, 16, 18, 20). They made repeated patterns with amounts and Numicon pieces. Year 1 have been working on measuring and comparing the capacity and volume of containers by filling them with either liquids or repeated units, such as cubes.

PHONICS Reception have been working on Phase 3 ee, igh, oa, oo (long), oo (short), and ar. Year 1 have been recapping the alternative spellings of oo (ew, ue, u-e) and or (aw, au).

CREATIVE We hope all the mums liked their Mothers' Day cards last Sunday. This week we have made chocolate nests and Easter cards.



We enjoyed singing our Easter Bunny song at the church – we are sure you all loved it too!

Year 1 have continued their unit of work on weaving. They have been weaving coloured wool on a paper plate, remembering to go under and over.

The Nursery children have also made Easter cards, by cutting, sticking and drawing. They have been doing some super mark-making in the role play area, choosing food to order in the café.



Our Star of the Week last week was **Jack** who has done some amazing independent writing, inspiring other children to make their own books. This week's Star of the Week is **Rory** who has impressed us with his work and has been a very kind helper. Well done, **Jack** and **Rory**!

Well done to the children who were awarded a certificate or trophy in our end-of-term service at the church: we are very proud of what you have achieved this term.

Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning this term. We cannot believe that we are two-thirds of the way through the year already, but it has been wonderful to see the progress the children have made since January. Well done everyone!

Home Learning

Nursery Here is an Easter story for you. [Bing Videos](#) We hope you enjoy it.

Reception Collect pictures and foil from your Easter eggs and use them to make a spring picture.

Year 1 Reading books and try to visit a library in the holiday (they often have special events in the school holidays).

Have a lovely Easter
Thames Class Team

