



April news

It has been wonderful to see the children's wonderful creations this term, as a start to Spring. All classes have displayed great collaboration, skills and creativity in this term's projects.

Thanks again for your support with our fundraising collection – the total for the Ukraine Red Cross appeal has reached an astounding £2,391.83, this is the most we have ever raised so a huge, huge thank-you to everyone!

Next Friday -15th April is World Art Day, so if you want to get creative and celebrate at home, we would love to see any artwork when the children return to school on Tuesday 26th April. As we break up today for Easter all the team at Gig Mill wish you a happy holiday.

Kind regards
Mrs Hannaway

During this term we have completed our topic 'Jungle Fever'. Highlights included a visit from the animal man, learning about animal classification and exploring our school grounds whilst learning about plants. The children have also enjoyed planting a seed each and we are looking forward to spending more time in our outdoor area and watching our produce grow. Next term we will be starting our new topic 'Beside the Seaside'. This topic will include learning about the seaside past and present, coastal features and designing our own lighthouses.

In our RHW lessons we will be learning about safe relationships, this topic will contain resources provided by the NSPCC. If you would like to learn more about this visit the NSPCC website under the category '[Talk Pants](#)'.

Year 1 Team

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As you know, from January 2022 we have started our new phonic programme 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised'. This programme also supports the teaching of early reading and spelling at Gig Mill. Staff have been working really hard to begin our transition from the Letters and Sounds to Little Wandle. The children have responded really well, and are making great progress in their phonics, and using the corresponding phonic readers to teach guided reading in class. The same reading book is then allocated online via the Collins website to practice, and read independently with you.

The weekly library books and sharing books selected by the children to bring home are in addition, this is to support reading for enjoyment, and to widen their vocabulary.



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