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**Weekly outdoor learning
with Woodland Forest**

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Message from the Head Teacher

This week Yr.1 were very excited to see the big coach arrive to take them up to London to visit the National Gallery. The guide said the children were beautifully behaved and showed good knowledge about the pictures, which was super to hear. We now have some budding artists and I look forward to seeing their art work over the coming weeks.

First Steps had a visit by Surrey Fire Brigade on Thursday morning and were able to have a go at holding the huge hose and climbing aboard the engine. In the afternoon a fire officer visited First Steps in their classroom where they had the chance to see and try some of a firefighter's equipment. A very exciting day for our youngest children

Gill Brooks

The National Gallery

Having read stories about and seen pictures of many famous paintings in school, the children in Year One were very excited to see some of those paintings on a visit to The National Gallery. The impressive sight of 'Whistlejacket' brought gasps of amazement and the children were delighted to spot Van Gogh's 'Sunflowers' and Monet's painting of his garden in France. Our guide, Fiona, explained some of the paintings in detail and she could not believe that the children were in Year One as their knowledge and behaviour were beyond their years. Now we will set to work creating masterpieces for our classrooms. Well done Year One!



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Celebration Board

Each week we celebrate a special piece of work in our celebrations assembly.

Congratulations to the following children...

- 1AH— Amy Clapham
- 1SB— Luca Jarrett
- 1VL—Teddy Woolnough
- RJE—Czarek Bruce
- RAG—Georgia Wakeman
- RCM—Eddie Anderson

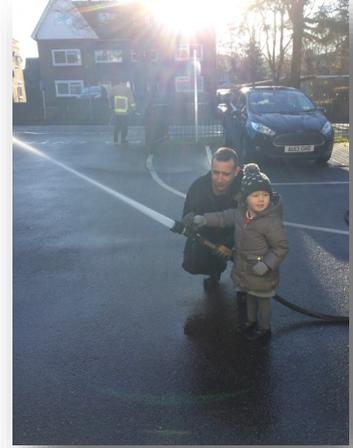
Star of the Week

Well done to the following children who were awarded 'Star of the Week'.

- April Chapman
- Dominic Ghavimi
- Malaya Janicke
- Lucie Clapham
- Esther Haselden
- Louis West
- Leizah Hurn

People who help us

This week we have been learning about people who help us in an emergency. We were very lucky to have a special visit from the fire fighters and their engine. We were able to climb onto the fire engine and use the fire hose. We saw the blue lights flash and they even sounded the siren as they drove off. In the afternoon we had a firefighter visit our classroom and he brought his uniform and we all had a turn at trying it on. We really enjoyed our day!



Don't forget

Tues 22— Year 1 visit Downsend for a workshop morning
9am Class Rep meeting

Inspiring young minds to create a lifelong passion for learning and discovery.