



**Story of the week:**  
The Gingerbread Man

**Wow vocabulary from our story:**  
wide, crept, sly, river bank, tossed, gaping

**Phonics Focus**

Our sounds this week:  
**qu ch sh th th ng**

This week's Tricky Words:  
**he she we me be was my you they**

**Maths Focus – Weighing**

*If you have any type of weighing scales at home, such as digital (electric) scales or non-digital scales, you could try weighing different objects around your house. If time allows, you could also have a go at weighing ingredients for baking or a recipe.*

### Exploring an Ambulance!

On Wednesday, we were visited by Sam the Paramedic, who arrived in his ambulance! He spent time with us as a whole class, answering our questions and telling us all about his role as a paramedic. We then had the chance to explore the ambulance in small groups.

Sam talked us through all the equipment inside the ambulance, and we couldn't believe just how much equipment it can hold! He explained how some of the equipment is used, and we even got to check our heart rate on the monitor. Sam also showed us the bag they carry when visiting a patient – we were amazed by how heavy it was! We learned that ambulances have special lights that help paramedics find people's veins, and we loved being lit up blue while searching for our own veins. Finally, we had the opportunity to sit in the driver's seat, where Sam explained what all the buttons do – and we even got to turn on the flashing lights! We send a heartfelt thank you to Sam for spending the morning with us and teaching us so much about his important job.

### Maths – Weighing

In one of our Maths topics this week, we explored weighing. We used balancing scales to find objects that weigh the same, using mathematical vocabulary such as 'equal', as well as identifying objects that were heavier and lighter. The children were excellent at using their mathematical vocabulary to compare the weight of different objects.

### Toothbrushing Day

On Tuesday next week, we would like the children to bring in their toothbrush and toothpaste, both clearly named and in a sealed bag (a sandwich bag will be perfect). We will be practising the toothbrushing skills that Dental Hygienist Mia taught us last week, as well as continuing our discussions about the importance of good oral health. The children's toothbrushes and toothpaste will be sent home with them on Tuesday.

### Readers and PE Kits

Please note, as we are only in school for two days next week, **all** reading books will be changed on Monday 9th February. PE kits will also be sent home on Monday 9th February to be washed and returned to school after half term.

### Things to remember

- School closes at 3:15pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February and will reopen on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.
- Look out for a message early next week about our upcoming trip to the farm!

### Gallery

To see our week in photos – check out our class gallery [here](#).