



## Year 1 Summer Term 2024 Newsletter 1st Half Term

Welcome to the Summer term. We hope that you had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed lots of chocolate eggs! Now we are fully rested we are ready for another busy term at school.

**Parent's evenings** are on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April. There is an online booking system in place. Please see our school website for information.

### Main Curriculum Areas for this half term

**English** – We will be choosing 2 more authors to look at this half term, Martin Waddell and Jill Murphy. We will be working on how to add exciting and adventurous words into our story writing.

**Reading** – Please continue to read with your child regularly (at least 3 times a week), it really will make a huge difference to their reading achievement. When you hear your child read, please write a short comment in their reading record book. We will carry on with our Class Reading Beanstalk as a reading reward chart.

**Phonics and Spelling** – We will be continuing with our weekly phonic spelling quiz, on a Monday (unless it is a Bank Holiday in which case it will be on the Tuesday). Please support your child to practise their spellings, they do love getting their reward certificates! We have now covered all the RWI sounds and are consolidating our learning by reviewing. You may find some spelling words are repeated from previous quizzes, this is intentional. It is important that children now begin to spell these words correctly in all their written tasks.

**Maths** – We will be looking at multiplication (grouping) and division (sharing) by 2s, 5s and 10s. We will then move onto fractions.

**Science** – We will be starting our new topic 'What is so special about plants?' this topic will last for the whole term, until July. We will be learning about the structure of plants, types of plants, names of some common wild, garden plants and trees. We will also be spending some time growing and looking after plants in our Year 1 garden in the Key Stage 1 playground.

**Geography** – We will be following up on our seasonal walks by looking at why we have such distinct seasons in the UK. We will be using a globe to understand that our seasonal changes are determined by our relationship to the sun.

**PE** will continue to be on a Thursday and a Friday. We will be learning striking and fielding unit. We will be practising our throwing and catching skills. Now that the weather is better, we will be doing some PE sessions outside so please could you make sure that your child has PE shoes and clothes that fit and are named.

**RE-** From Creation to Shabbat. The Jewish belief about Creation and how Jewish people have a day of rest each week called Shabbat.

In this table I have given you an idea what areas we will be learning each week.

	Science - Focus	Geography Focus
15.4.24	A Spring Walk – around our school grounds.	A Spring Walk – around our school grounds.
22.4.24	What plants can we see in our local area?	How does the daylight length change with the seasons?
29.4.24	What are the main features of flowering plants?	How does the weather change with the seasons?
6.5.24	What is the lifecycle of a flowering plant?	How do plants change with the seasons?
13.5.24	Do all flowers look the same?	How do wild animals change with the seasons?
20.5.24	Do all leaves look the same?	What are the seasonal changes of the UK?

**Sunny and hot weather** (fingers crossed!) Please send your child to school with a named sunhat and a full water bottle, with just water please! Sun cream – please apply this before school, if your child needs to apply more at lunchtime, please ensure that they can do this themselves as we are not permitted to do this for them. Thank you.

**Watches and Jewellery** – If the watch is very big or expensive, please leave this safely at home. A reminder that jewellery is not allowed to be worn at school and this includes earrings. If it is a recent piercing and the earrings cannot be removed, then tape must be put over them until it is safe to remove the earrings.

**Notes – If your message is urgent, please telephone or email the school office.**

If it is not urgent then please use the Class 1 email address is -

<https://outlook.office.com/mail/class1info@cropwellbishop.notts.sch.uk>

As you can see, we have another busy term ahead of us, but we will also have lots of fun! Thank you for supporting your child with all their school learning, it really does make a huge difference to their progress and achievements.

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