

# Welcome to Year 2!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a wonderful summer and are ready for the new school year! We have had an excellent start to the term and the children are already settling into their new classroom and daily routine.

**English:** This half term we will begin by exploring a range of text genre including traditional tales and their alternative versions, which will be a stimulus for lots of writing including describing characters and settings, writing to persuade and writing to instruct. We will then begin to look at features of non-fiction texts including writing newspaper reports after half term. We will also learn and practice reading skills through our wider curriculum work.

**Phonics/Spelling:** We will continue with the Read Write Ink scheme the children have been involved with since joining us. Our year 2 spellings will be handed out on a Friday. Children will also experience discrete taught spelling sessions during the week. Please also use the week to practice these spellings at home, ready for the quiz the following Friday.

**Maths:** Work this half term will include counting on and back, particularly in 1's and 10's, number sequences, place value showing different representations of two-digit numbers using tens and ones equipment as well as part, part whole models and tens grids. We will also be looking at how we can use and apply this knowledge through ordering and estimating as well as problem solving involving addition and subtraction.

Other curriculum areas we will be looking at include:

**PE:** The children will take part in 2 PE lessons each week which will be on Mondays and Tuesdays. These sessions will focus on multi-skills this half term. Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school at all times. Also it would be really useful if you could also make sure that both their PE kit and school uniform are clearly labelled with their name to prevent anything getting lost or mixed up. Thank you!

**Science:** This half term we will begin looking at the 'uses of everyday materials'. This will include naming and describing the key properties of materials, as well as practical investigations to find solutions, for example the best waterproof material for a hat and the best stretchy material for a super hero costume!

**Geography:** Our topic this half-term is 'Where are we, Cropwell Bishop or Bagomoyo?' We will compare Cropwell Bishop with Bagamoyo in Tanzania with the focus on human and physical geographical features.

**Art:** This half term we will be looking at landscapes. Creating our own compositions as well as creations in the style of artists such as Monet and Van Gogh, looking at famous artworks and their techniques.

**RE:** This half term we will look at the Islamic faith, focusing on Muslim family life linked to their faith.

**Computing:** Our first computing session of each half-term is focused on e-safety. After this, the children will be using Purple Mash.

We really appreciate the support you give and we hope that you will be able to continue to support your child in doing the following activities at home:

**Reading:** Daily practice of reading books and non-school books, as appropriate. We strongly encourage year 2 children to have as much reading experience as possible to develop their reading confidence, comprehension skills and to help them become independent readers, also 3 reads throughout the week means a move up on our class reading chart! The children change their RWI reading book every Monday, however the children will get opportunities throughout the week to change their colour band book when they need a new one. It would be greatly appreciated if you could sign your child's reading record when they have read at home with you. Also, if there are any comments or general messages you wish to make, please feel free to write them in your child's reading record or contact us via the Class 2 email:

**class2info@cropwellbishop.notts.sch.uk**

However, if there are any urgent messages please contact the school office.

**Just a reminder:** Please no earrings in school. Newly pierced studs should be covered with plasters until they are able to be removed. Thank you for your support on this element of the children's safety in school.

**Homework:** Homework grids, along with Knowledge Organiser for history, geography and science, will be coming home soon. These reinforce much of the work we will be covering this half term.

Finally, this half term we are happy to say Mrs Beech will continue to work with us in Year 2, bringing her knowledge of the children from Year 1 and a great continuity for the children.

We are all looking forward to a great year and we hope your child has a fabulous year in Class 2!

Best Wishes,

Mrs Bird, Miss Palmer and Mrs Beech