

Year 1 Summer Term 2025 Newsletter 2nd Half Term

Welcome to the last half of the Summer term. Where has this year gone!

Our main topics this term will be **Science** (continuation)– What is so special about plants and **History** – Why is the ‘Great Fire of London’ in 1666 important to us today?

Main Curriculum Areas for this half term

English –First we will be looking at the stories - ‘Dadaji’s Paintbrush’ by Rashmi Sirdeshpande and then ‘The Magic Bed’ by John Burningham. Throughout the term we will continue with our grammar and spelling lessons in preparation for Year 2.

Phonics – We will be revising our ‘Read Write Inc’ phonic sounds and consolidating our reading skills with our storybook sessions. If you would like to know more how to support your child with their phonics, please look at the phonics section of our school website.

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 continue to use our Class Reading Beanstalk as a reading reward chart.

Maths – We will be learning about geometry – position and movement, how can we make a quarter turn? half turn? etc... how do objects look when they have moved positions. We will continue to count forwards and backwards to 100 and look at place value within 100. Please help your child to tell the time and recognise coins and notes for our maths topics on time and money.

Science – We will be continuing our topic ‘What is so special about plants’. 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.

History – We will be looking at the historically important event ‘The Great Fire of London’ in 1666 and how this event is still important to us today. It changed the way in which we protect our buildings from the risk of fires and influenced how buildings, towns and cities are built.

PE this term will be athletics and will continue to be on a Wednesday and a Friday. 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.

In **RE** we will be learning about Churches to investigate what a church looks like inside and outside. We will also find out what happens inside a church.

In **Computing** we will be learning how to add and record sounds. This will tie into our History unit about The Great Fire of London.

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

	Science - Focus	History Focus
Week 1 2.6.25	Wellbeing Day	Well-being day
Week 2 9.6.25	What are the features of Summer?	What was it like to live in London 350 years ago?
Week 3 16.6.25	What is a leaf? Do all leaves look the same?	In 1666 there was a Great Fire in London. How and where did the Fire start?
Week 4 23.6.25	What is a tree? Do all trees look the same?	How was the Fire put out?
Week 5 30.6.25	What plants do we grow to eat?	How do we know about the events of the Great Fire?
Week 6 7.7.25	What is so special about plants?	What happened to London after the Great fire?
Week 7 14.7.25	What amazing plants grow around the world?	What have we learned about life in London in the past and why is the Great Fire of London in 1666 important to us today?

Transition to Year 2 – Over this half term there will be opportunities for the children to visit the year 2 classroom and teaching staff.

Sunny and hot weather (fingers crossed!) If the weather forecast is for sunny and hot weather, please send your child to school with a named sunhat and a full water bottle, with just water please! Suncream – 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.

Notes – If you need to pass on any notes to staff, please speak to us before or after school or use the class 1 email address below.

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

If it is urgent, please telephone or email the school office.

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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