

# Year 1 Spring Term 2026 Newsletter 1st Half Term

## Happy New Year!

Welcome back to school. Thank you so much for all the Christmas cards and gifts we received – it was really very kind and much appreciated. We hope that you have all had a wonderful Christmas break and you feel ready for another busy term!

We have an exciting ‘Pantomime’ coming up for the children to watch in school on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. This has been very kindly funded by our amazing FOS team.

**Reading books** – 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.

**Phonics and Spellings** – Our spellings are based on the phonics being taught each week as well as a few ‘high frequency/ tricky’ words. Practising these spellings regularly will really support your child’s reading and spelling skills.

**Homework** – We will be sending home a new homework grid. This is for the half term. It has 12 different homework activities on – some are compulsory, and should be completed 3 times a week, others are optional. At the end of the half term (February) we will ask for all homework activities to be returned, and they will be shared and celebrated with the class at school. The children really enjoy showing their classmates their own homework.

**Coats, hats, gloves, scarves and jumpers** – Now that we are in the colder and wetter weather, please make sure that your child has a suitable coat and shoes for outside playtimes. It would really help if your child could put on their own coat, gloves, and hat. Also please make sure that **all** items of clothing are named. If you write your child’s name in their clothes, check regularly as names come off in the wash, and if the clothing is second hand, please put **your** child’s name on.

**Home time** – If your child is going to be collected by anyone other than yourself (even if a family member) please remember to inform a member of staff either by a note or by contacting the school office. If this is going to be a regular arrangement, please also let us know, thank you for your understanding with this issue.

This is very important to ensure the safety of your child.

## **Our half term curriculum -**

**English** – Our focus will be ‘Beegu by Alexis Deacon’ and ‘ The Odd Egg by Emily Gravett’. We will be applying our skills of writing in complete sentences using finger spaces, capital letters and full stops.

**Maths** – We will be building on our Autumn term learning by continuing with the ‘White Rose’ maths scheme. This term we will be learning how to apply our number bonds to 10 knowledge to calculations to 20. We will also be looking at place value to 50, height, weight, length and volume.

## **All Other curriculum Areas**

**Science** – Animals what are -mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, amphibians and minibeasts?

**Geography** – What is it like to live in the UK? We will learn about the 4 countries that make up the UK.

**Art** – the work of LS Lowry.

**Computers** – everyone can code.

**RE** – The Jewish and Christian stories of Moses and Jonah.

**Music** – Using ‘Sing up’ we will be looking at active listening, beat and pitch.

**PE** – This half term we will be learning gymnastic skills. Our PE sessions are on Wednesdays and Fridays. We will be doing PE inside during these colder months and please remember to return your child’s **named** PE kit to school.

As you can see, we have another busy term ahead of us, your support with your child’s reading, spelling and homework activities is invaluable. Thank you.

If you would like to get in touch the Class 1 email address is -

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

The class email is checked regularly, but if your message is urgent then please contact the school office.

Thank you,

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