

Spring Term 1 Newsletter - Year 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all have had a good Christmas and New Year! We would all like to say a big thank you for all our cards and gifts. It was so kind of you, and your children, and is very much appreciated.

As usual, we have a busy term ahead. Below is a summary of the curriculum areas we will be covering over this half term.

English: Our theme this half term is 'Change and Relationships'. The children will explore the themes of the poem 'The Owl and The Pussycat'. They will write letters, lists, instructions, and create their own version of the poem. Following this, we will enjoy the book 'Tadpole's Promise' and use this story as a basis for simple explanations, speech and thought bubbles and setting descriptions. The children will complete this unit by writing their own version of the narrative.

Maths: This half term we have some new learning in maths to enjoy. We will begin with a unit on multiplication and division before moving on to money.

Other curriculum areas we will cover include:

PE: The children will take part in 2 PE lessons each week, which continue to be on Mondays and Tuesdays. These sessions will focus on gymnastics this half term. Please, once again, ensure that your child always has a full PE kit in school. Also, it is important and helpful 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: During the term we will be learning about 'Animals, including humans'. This will include looking at how different species of animal change as they grow, as well as investigating what the primary needs are for animals and humans to survive. Finally, we will explore the importance of exercise, eating a balanced diet, and good hygiene.

Geography: Our topic this half-term is 'Where in the World am I?' which focuses on the United Kingdom, the 7 continents and 5 oceans of the World, geographical features both human and physical and making comparisons.

Art: Our unit this half term is on sculpture. The children will create their own clay sculptures, inspired by a selection of artists, including Barbara Hepworth.

RE: This half term we will be building on the children's knowledge of Christianity, focusing on Jesus' friends and followers.

Computing: Our first computing session of this half term will be linked to e-safety. After this, the children will be using a paint program on Purple Mash, using various tools to create an image, linked to our geography topic of 'Where in the World am I?'

We do 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. It would be greatly appreciated if you could sign your child's reading record when they have read at home with you so we can record them on our reading chart. This will enable us to give out half termly reading certificates accordingly.

Phonics: We will continue to work through the 'Read Write Inc' phonics scheme. Each day begins with word level reading and writing/spelling work, leading into our reading and comprehension session. We have found it makes a great start to our day and gets the children reading for their further learning in our English sessions.

Homework: Once again, homework grids will be coming home, via email. There are a range of subject specific activities for the children to engage in over this half term. Please do not feel that every activity should be completed! The shaded activities are for weekly practice. The others are to choose from if and when there is time! At the end of the half term, we will once again have a presentation afternoon where the children can bring in any of their work to show the teachers and the class.

Spelling: Spellings will continue to be linked to our phonics, and through taught sessions from the Spelling Shed. They will be sent home on a Friday and will be tested on the following Friday morning. A 'look, cover, write, check' activity sheet will be sent out weekly for your children to use to help them learn their spellings at home.

As always, if there are any comments or general messages you wish to communicate, 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.

We are all looking forward to another great half term in Class 2.

With our best wishes for a very healthy and happy 2026!

Miss Palmer, Mrs Bird, Mrs Bingham and Miss Samuels