

Year 3 Spring 1 2026 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to school and I hope you had a wonderful Christmas break. Mrs Beech, Mrs Marshall and I are all extremely excited to welcome you back for the spring term. On behalf of all the teaching staff in Class 3, I would like to say thank you for all of our kind Christmas gifts.

We are excited to announce that on **23rd January** the Pantomime will be visiting our school! We are very grateful to the Friends of School for generously funding this wonderful performance.

I am pleased to say that all of the children settled into Class 3 very well and we are looking forward to bringing an exciting curriculum to the children this term.

We have an exciting term ahead of us with our new topic 'Why do we go to Europe on holiday?' Within this topic we will be learning about tourism in Europe, specifically in the Alps. We are going to be looking closely at the physical and human geography of Chamonix, a skiing town in the French Alps.

In science, we are going to be studying light: where does it come from, what is reflection and what are shadows? We will also be performing scientific experiments with mirrors, puppets and a range of materials to understand how light behaves as a type of energy.

Art will focus on European artists, looking at some of the work of Michelangelo and Le Corbusier. We will be studying architecture, building design and painting techniques.

Computing will concentrate on working with data and how to represent it in graphic form along with publishing our own postcard designs based upon a European holiday destination.

In RE, we will look at the significance of light in some of the world's religions. We will explore the power of light through the Christian stories of Pentecost and the conversion of St. Paul. We will also link this to Hinduism and the story of Rama and Sita.

Our English lessons will be linked to two wonderfully written books this term. Our first book is 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin' by Michael Morpurgo. We will be writing in role, creating information reports, adverts and formal letters along with a final piece of our

own version myth. Our second book is 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit. We will be writing a newspaper report based upon the Pompeii eruption in the year 79 CE.

As always, the children are encouraged to read regularly, a little every day if possible. Please continue to sign the planners each time your child has read. Remember, you can note anything you wish to share with us in the school planner as this can be a most practical and effective way of keeping in touch along with the class email address: class3info@cropwellbishop.notts.sch.uk. However, any urgent messages should be sent to the school office.

In maths, throughout spring 1, we will focus on multiplication, division, length and perimeter. We will continue to use 'Times Table Rockstars' as well as 'Hit the Button' to support the children's learning of their times tables.

We will continue to do PE on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Please ensure your child has a full school PE kit in every day in case of short notice changes to the timetable.

The homework grid will continue to be used this term, and this will be made available on Teams before the end of the week. If any parent would like a printed copy, please don't hesitate to get in touch. The tasks set this term are focused on the topics taught. Spellings will continue to be set on a Friday, ready for testing the following Friday. Your child will also have a reading book which contributes towards their general homework.

Kind regards,

Mr Heatrick, Mrs Beech and Mrs Marshall