

Year 6 Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2026

January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and I'd like to wish you a very Happy New Year. Thank you so much for the thoughtful and kind messages following the arrival of my second daughter; they were greatly appreciated. I would also like to praise the children for being so fantastic for Miss Woodward. I am really looking forward to being back in the classroom with them.

We have lots of exciting work to get stuck into this half term:

Maths

After a big focus on fractions, we will move on to ratio, algebra and then decimals. In addition to this, we will have regular arithmetic activities to enable the children to practise the key skills that will help them in all areas of mathematics. As part of the homework for this term, children will have a weekly arithmetic activity to complete. These will be sent home on a Friday and will need to be in school by the following Friday. As always, please continue to help your child to practise their multiplication tables and the associated division facts to improve their instant recall; Times Tables Rockstars is a fantastic resource to support this.

English

Our daily whole class reading sessions are helping your child to become a more confident reader, especially in terms of comprehension and I have been extremely proud with the outstanding progress that they are making. Please try to encourage your child to read both fiction and non-fiction at home, as familiarity with different styles of writing will ultimately aid their own writing, as well as helping their spelling reading comprehension skills. With writing, we will focus on the theme of "Protest and Activism," drawing inspiration from the high-quality texts *Suffragette: The Battle for Equality* by David Roberts and *Stonewall* by Rob Sanders & Jamey Christoph. Throughout these units, students will create a variety of shorter writing pieces while also developing longer works, including a persuasive campaign and a visitor's guide to the Stonewall Inn. Grammar work will be incorporated into these lessons to provide a context for learning. Our weekly spelling assessments will continue and your help in encouraging your child to spend a little time each day on these would be really helpful; the online resource 'Spelling Shed' is an extremely useful and engaging tool.

Science

Our topic for both Spring 1 and Spring 2 is 'Animals including humans'. Our main focus will be on learning about the human circulatory system and how water and nutrients are transported within animals. We will also learn about the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way our bodies function.

Geography

Our overall enquiry question is 'What will happen when all of the natural resources run out?' We will consider many aspects: what natural resources we have in the UK; how resources are used to produce energy; the pros and cons of various materials; and how we might protect our natural resources.

PE

Year 6 PE days continue to be Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure that your child always has a full PE kit available at school. This half term's subject is gymnastics.

Computing

We will continue with our coding unit as well as working with 'sound' – we will look at various ways of recording and inserting sound into PowerPoint presentations and will link this with our geography work.

Art

In art, we will be working with 3D clay to create models of people, inspired by the work of Alberto Giacometti.

RE

In RE, our unit for this half term will be 'Making a difference'. We will be focusing a lot of our religious and spiritual learning on the following questions: How have others made a difference? How can you make a difference?

Music

In addition to listening and appraising music, we will be learning to play the recorder, singing and composing simple melodies.

Homework

The homework grid will be printed for children, posted onto Teams and emailed to you. If you need anything else printing, please do not hesitate to let me know and I can arrange that for you. I have advised the children to aim to complete activities throughout the half term to help them to practise completing homework regularly in readiness for secondary school. Doing something each week will also help to avoid any last-minute stress or panic.

Just another reminder that mid-year reports will be coming home towards the end of the half term.

We are also very excited to welcome a pantomime into school on the afternoon of Friday 23rd January, kindly paid for by our wonderful Friends of the School.

As always, if you require any further information or have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us by telephoning school or through email, using either the Class 6 email (class6info@cropwellbishop.notts.sch.uk) or our school office email (office@cropwellbishop.notts.sch.uk). We will respond to any contact as quickly as we can – urgent messages should be sent to the office.

Here's looking forward to a happy and productive half term!

Year 6 Team