

Year 1 Spring Term 2026 Newsletter 2nd Half Term

Welcome back to school. We hope that you have all had a restful break and you feel ready for another busy term!

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.

Phonic Spelling – Please practise the weekly spellings for the quiz ... this will support your child's understanding of phonic sounds as well as informing you which sounds we will be focusing on, and practise at home. We will also be focusing on reading and spelling some 'red' words (tricky common words).

Homework – We will be sending home a new homework grid. This is for the half term (6 weeks). 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 (March) we will ask for all homework activities to be returned, and they will be shared and celebrated with the class at school.

Coats, hats, gloves, scarves and jumpers – As the weather can still be cold and wet, 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 in it. Thank you.

PE – This half term PE will be multi-skills, where we will learn different movement skills. Our PE sessions will still be on Wednesdays and Fridays. We will be doing PE inside during these colder months. Please ensure that all PE kit items are named.

Jewellery, including earrings – For safety reasons, children should not wear any jewellery, including earrings, to school. If your child has recently had their ears pierced and the earrings cannot be removed, please ensure that they are covered with a plaster during the school day.

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 – We will be focusing on the texts ‘Stanley’s Stick’ by John Hegley and ‘Dinosaurs and all that Rubbish’ by Micheal Foreman. We will continue to work on sentence composition, punctuation (capital letters, finger spaces and full stops, question marks and exclamation marks).

Maths – 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 – We will continue to learn about the different animal groups. We will have a few animals from ‘Animals UK’ to visit us on Tuesday 17th March. This will be very kindly funded by our wonderful FOS team.

History – This half term we will be learning about Queen Victoria and what it would have been like to be a child in Victorian Britain. We will be having a ‘Victorian’ school afternoon on Monday 23rd March 2026 – more details to follow later.

DT – How mechanisms make things move. Making a moving picture.

Computers – Everyone can code. What is coding?

Music – Looking for patterns in musical sounds (beat, rhythm)

RE – Jesus and his miracles and Easter.

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

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

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,

Mrs Bulmer Mr Dyer Miss Amanda