

Spring 2 Term Newsletter Year 2

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back after the half-term break! We've had a fantastic start to the week following our 'Wellbeing Day' on Monday, and the children have settled nicely back into class routines.

As always, we have a busy half term ahead. Below is an overview of the curriculum areas we will be covering:

English

The children will explore 2 fiction books with a theme of creation and conservation. Firstly 'The Journey Home' by Frann Preston-Gannon, followed by 'Dear Earth' by Isabel Otter and Clare Anganuzzi. They will write a variety of texts including posters, lists, instructions, letters and information reports. The final pieces from each book will be a persuasive letter and an informative leaflet.

Maths

We will begin with a unit on 'Money,' followed by units on 'Length and Height' and 'Mass, Capacity, and Temperature.' We will also continue to work on times tables, addition, and subtraction.

PE

The children will have two PE lessons each week focusing on 'Fundamentals,' linked to multi-skills. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school at all times, as our timetable may change. It would also be helpful if you could clearly label both their PE kit and school uniform to prevent items from being lost or mixed up.

Science

We will continue our study of 'Animals, including Humans.' This half term, the focus will be on the importance of exercise, a balanced diet, and good hygiene.

History

Our history topic is the 'History of Flight,' with the central question: *How has flight changed over time?* We will explore the early history of flight, focusing on pioneers such as the Wright Brothers, Amy Johnson, Amelia Earhart, and the development of passenger planes.

DT

In Design and Technology, we will study 'Freestanding Structures,' with a focus on playground equipment. We will investigate the materials used, how they are joined, and the different design shapes and sizes. The children will design and build their own model of playground equipment using construction kits.

RE

This half term, we will deepen the children's understanding of Judaism, focusing on stories and the importance of the Torah in the Jewish faith. We will also explore the significance of Easter.

Computing

We will start the half term with an e-safety session. Following that, the children will use Tynker and Seesaw on the iPads to learn about coding.

Home Learning Support

We greatly appreciate your continued support in helping your child with the following activities at home:

Reading: Daily reading practice is essential for developing reading confidence, stamina, and comprehension skills. We encourage Year 2 children to read both school books, plus other books at home or from the library. Please remember to sign your child's reading record after each session so we can record their progress on our reading chart. If your child has read 3 times during the week at home, they will move up our class reading chart, working towards earning a half termly reading certificate.

Phonics: Phonics will continue through the 'Read Write Inc.' scheme. This half term, we are introducing more comprehension and vocabulary-based activities, allowing the children to apply their phonics knowledge in reading texts with a partner and with guidance from their teacher.

Homework: Homework grids will be sent home via email. The grids contain a range of subject-specific activities. Please note that the shaded activities are for weekly practice, while the others are optional and can be completed as time allows. At the end of this half term, we will hold a presentation afternoon where the children can showcase their work. A Knowledge Organisers for History will also be sent home to provide further detail on the key content the children will be learning.

Spelling: Weekly spelling lists will continue to be sent home on Fridays and tested the following Friday morning.

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 they are covered with a plaster during the school day.

If you have any comments or general messages, feel free to write them in your child's reading record or contact us via email at class2info@cropwellbishop.notts.sch.uk. For any urgent matters, please contact the school office directly.

We look forward to another exciting and productive half term in Class 2!
Thank you for your continued support.

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