

# Welcome back to school

We hope that you have had a wonderful summer break and have managed to find some time to rest and relax.

**Staff in Y1** – Mrs Bulmer teaches Monday to Thursday; Miss Palmer teaches on a Friday. Our wonderful teaching assistants are: Mrs Beech Monday to Thursday, Miss Samuels Monday to Friday and Miss Teela Thursday and Friday.

**Reading books** – Please read with your child regularly, 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. In Year 1 we have a 'Reading Reward Beanstalk' your child will climb up the beanstalk every week that they read 3 times or more with you at home. When they reach the top, they will receive a reading certificate and a sticker reward.

**Phonics** – In Year 1 we will continue our phonic learning with the 'Read Write Inc' phonic programme. The children have been given 'Book Bag Books' to read with you at home. At this stage in the year, we are consolidating their phonic knowledge from Class R, so please don't be surprised if they bring home a book that they have had before. It is very important that the children review and revisit their phonics in these 'Book Bag Books' so they can grow in confidence, fluency and expression when reading.

**Water bottles** – Please remember only water in water bottles. The children will have access to these during the school day.

**Home time** – Please bear with us at the beginning of term whilst we are getting to know you all. The children will line up under the canopy in the Key Stage 1 playground and the first child in the line will be released to their collecting adult.

If your child is going to be collected by **anyone** other than yourself (even if this person is a family member or a child minder) please remember to inform a member of staff either by a note or by contacting the school office. If this will be a regular arrangement, please let us know. This is very important to ensure the safety of your child.

**Homework Activity Grid** – We will email you a homework grid. In Year 1 the completed homework activities are shown in the classroom at the end of the half term (October 2026).

Tapestry – is not used in Year 1.

## Year 1 Autumn first half term curriculum

**English** – We will be focusing on 2 books this half term. 'Cave Baby' by Julia Donaldson and 'Astro Girl' by Ken Wilson-Max. We will be following 'The Literacy Tree' planning building on work completed in Year R. We will be looking at writing in complete sentences and using the correct letter formation and letter size.



**Maths** – We will be building on the work covered in Class R and extending the children's understanding of place value, addition and subtraction within 10 and geometry.

**Science** – What are everyday materials and how do we use them. We will be learning about different types of materials, their properties and what objects we can make out of them.

**Geography** – What is special about where I live? We will be learning about our homes and villages, where they are in the UK and what they are like.

**Art** – What are portraits and how are they made?

**Computers** – E safety sessions and how do we draw/ paint using computers/ ipads?

**Music**- What is rhythm? What is the beat of a song?

**RE** – What is belonging? and how do I know I belong?

**PE** – This half term we will be learning ball skills. We will be doing PE on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please make sure that your child has a named PE kit in school and can get changed independently. If the weather allows, we may take our PE session outside so appropriate shoes and warm clothes will be needed.

As you can see, we have a busy term ahead of us – but we make sure that we have lots of fun too!

**Dates coming up this half term:**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September** 3.45 and 4.40pm – Meet the Teacher – this is a chance not only to meet the teacher but also to learn a little more about the Year 1 curriculum.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October** – Key Stage 1 Phonics' Evening – this is an introduction to our phonics programme and how this supports your child to read, write and spell.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October** – Key Stage 1 Harvest Festival.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October** – INSET Day.

If you would like to help in the classroom by hearing readers or supporting with other activities (and you have a DBS certificate from school) please let us know. If you would like to apply for a DBS certificate, please contact the office.

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

<https://outlook.office.com/mail/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, Miss Palmer and The Year 1 Team