

Welcome to Year 2 – Class Armstrong

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a wonderful summer and are ready for the new school year. We have had a really positive start to the term and the children are already settling into their new classroom and daily routine. As I am also new to Cropwell Bishop Primary, I would also like to say hello, and that I look forward to meeting and getting to know all of you over the next year. Please do approach me if you have any concerns!

Diary dates for the Autumn Term are as follows –

Wednesday 9th September – Meet the teacher at **3:45pm** and **4:30pm**

Monday 5th October – Phonics information meeting at **3:45pm**

Wednesday 7th October – Flu immunisations in school

Monday 19th October – Inset day

Tuesday 20th October – Friday 30th October – Half term

Monday 16th November – Odd sock day

Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th November – Parents evening **3:40pm – 6:30pm**

Friday 20th November – Children in Need (non-uniform)

Wednesday 2nd December – Advent fair **3:45pm – 5:30pm**

Tuesday 8th December – Nativity performance at **2pm**

Wednesday 9th December – Nativity performances at **9:30am** and **2pm**

Thursday 17th December – Christmas dinners and Christmas jumper day

We are excited to share with you an overview of what we will be learning in each of our subjects this half term.

English: This half term our literary theme is 'Bravery verses Fear'. We will use 2 quality bear stories as a basis for our work. The children will write letters, retellings, own version narratives, information texts and posters. They will also write in role and have a go at short news reports. As always, we will learn and practice reading skills through our wider curriculum work.

Phonics/Spelling: We will continue with the Read Write Inc scheme that the children have been involved with since joining us. Year 2 spellings will be handed out on Fridays. Children will also experience discrete taught spelling sessions during the week. Please also use the week to practice these spellings at home, ready for the quiz the following Friday. We will send home a 'Look, Cover, Write, Check' activity sheet each week for the children to practice on.

Maths: Work this half term will include counting on and back, particularly in 1's and 10's, number sequences, place value showing different representations of two-digit numbers using tens and ones equipment, as well as part, part whole models and ten frames. We will also be looking at how we can use and apply this knowledge through ordering and estimating, as well as problem solving involving addition and subtraction.

PE: The children will take part in 2 PE lessons each week which will be on Thursdays and Fridays. These sessions will focus on ball skills this half term. Please ensure that your child always has a full PE kit in school. Also, it would be useful if you could also make sure that both their PE kit and school uniform are clearly labelled with their name to prevent anything getting lost or mixed up. Thank you!

Science: This half term we will begin looking at the uses of everyday materials. This will include naming and describing the key properties of materials, as well as practical investigations to find solutions, for example the best waterproof material for a hat and the best stretchy material for a super-hero costume!

Geography: Our topic this half-term is 'Where are we, Cropwell Bishop or Bagamoyo?' We will compare Cropwell Bishop with Bagamoyo in Tanzania, with the focus on human and physical geographical features.

Art: This half term we will be looking at landscapes. We will be producing our own compositions as well as creations in the style of artists such as Monet and Van Gogh, looking at famous artworks and their techniques.

RE: This half term we will look at the Islamic faith, focusing on Muslim family life.

Music: Our unit is based around an action song. The children will be encouraged to sing with good diction to emphasize word play, learn to play the melody of the song on tuned percussion and working by ear, explore call-and-response, make up call-and-response patterns with actions, their voices and with instruments.

Computing: Our first computing session is focused on e-safety. After this, the children will be using '2 Create a story' on Purple Mash and adding elements of sound.

We really appreciate all of the support you give and we hope that you will be able to continue to support your child in doing the following activities at home:

Reading: Daily practice of reading books and non-school books, as appropriate. We strongly encourage Year 2 children to have as much reading experience as possible to develop their reading confidence, comprehension skills and to help them become independent readers. If your child reads at home 3 times a week or more, it is rewarded with a move up on our class reading chart! The children can earn a reading certificate at the end of the half term, if they have read 3 times or more each week. The children change their Read Write Inc reading book every Friday, however the children will get opportunities throughout the week to change their colour band book when they need a new one. It would be greatly appreciated if you could sign your child's reading record when they have read at home with you!

If you wish to send any non-urgent messages, please address them to class2info@cropwellbishop.notts.sch.uk, and we will endeavour to respond as quickly as we can.

However, if there are any urgent messages please contact the school office, as we don't have the opportunity to check the class email frequently throughout the day, and do not wish for anything to get missed.

Just a reminder: No earrings in school please. Newly pierced studs should be covered with plasters until they are able to be removed. Thank you for your support with this element of the children's safety in school.

Homework: A paper copy of homework grids will be sent home on the first Friday of each half term. These are to be returned during the last week of half term, to be shared in the final days. Knowledge Organisers will be sent home digitally, along with this letter. These reinforce much of the work we will be covering this half term.

We are really looking forward to getting to know the children, and yourselves, and to a great year! We hope your child has a happy and successful time in Class 2.

Best Wishes,

Miss Lloyd and Miss Amanda