Year 1 Autumn Term 2026 Newsletter 2nd Half Term

Welcome back!

We hope that you have had a lovely half term holiday.

Reading books – Please continue to 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. When your child reads 3 times or more in a week, they can move their name up our Class 1 Reading Beanstalk.

'Teach Your Monster to Read' – This is a fun free website/ game that focuses on phonic skills and builds up to reading whole words. See individual login details.

Homework – We will be sending home a new homework grid this week. This is for the half term up until Christmas.

Coats, hats, gloves, scarves and jumpers – Now that we are getting into the cooler and wetter weather, please make sure that your child has a suitable coat for outside playtimes. Also please make sure that **all** items of clothing are named as we already have lots of unnamed jumpers and PE kit in our lost property box, since September. 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 on.

Home time – If your child is going to be collected by anyone other than yourself (even if a Grandparent or other 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.

Year 1 Autumn second half term curriculum

English – We will be using high quality texts as a starting point. For the first 3 weeks this will be 'I want my hat back' by Jon Klassan and then 'Billy and the Beast' by Nadia Shireen.

Maths – We will be extending our understanding of numbers and patterns within 10 and moving on to addition and subtraction skills. We will also be counting to 100 as a class everyday please practise this at home too!

'Numbots' – This is a fun free website/ game that supports your child to recognise and understand numbers and calculations with speed. See individual login details.

History – 'What was life, like for our Grandparents when they were 5? We will be looking at changes within living memory. On our homework grid there is a 'family tree' activity.

DT – Making food – A fruit salad. Safe use of kitchen tools.

Computers – E safety and sessions on creating and using data.

Music – Practising and performing our Nativity play

RE – Learning about the celebrations of Diwali and Christmas.

PE – Our PE sessions are on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please remember to bring your PE kit back to school. Please could you make sure that all PE items are named, as items are easily lost during getting changed times. Thank you.

As you can see, we have another busy and exciting term ahead of us!

If you have some spare time during the week and would like to come into school to support with reading or other activities, please let us know. The school office can then complete a DBS form for you.

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 Mrs Beech Miss Emanya Miss Teela

Dates for this half term –

Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th November – Parents evenings

Friday 13th November – Children in Need day.

Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th December 2pm – KS1 Nativity Plays

Thursday 10th December – FOS Film Night

Friday 18th December – FOS Festive Fun and End of term.