Year 2 Autumn Term 2 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a lovely half term. The children have done very well settling back into the routine of Class 2 and we are impressed with how hard they are working.

English: This half term we will be exploring the humorous book 'Wolves' by Emily Gravett. This text will enable the children to write a non-chronological leaflet, captions, information writing, character descriptions and comparisons. The unit will encourage the children to think carefully about fact and fiction.

Maths: Work this half term will continue to include counting on and back in 1's, 2's, 5'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 tens grids. We will also continue to look at how we can use and apply this knowledge when problem solving involving addition and subtraction. We will also be learning the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

Other curriculum areas we will be covering will include:

PE: The children will take part in 2 PE lessons each week, which will be on Thursdays and Fridays. Please ensure that your child always has a full PE kit in school. Also, it would be a huge help if both their PE kit and school uniform were clearly labelled with their name, to prevent anything getting lost or mixed up. Thank you!

Science: This half term we will continue to look at the uses of everyday materials, focusing on practical investigations to find solutions, for example the best waterproof material for a hat. We will also be quizzing the children on the content of our science knowledge organizer.

History*:* Our topic this half-term is 'What is special about Cropwell Bishop?' We will explore our local environment, looking at how the village and village life has changed over time.

DT: This half term we will be looking at 'Food Tech and Prep'. This will involve preparing and tasting different healthy fruit and vegetable dips and dippers, deciding on what would work well and what would not. In addition, we will be discussing tastes and textures, leading onto likes and dislikes.

RE: This half term we will look at 'Celebrations.' These will involve Eid, Hannukah and Christmas as part of our Islam and Christianity focus. We will also be practising and performing the Christian story of 'Busy Busy Bethlehem' as our Nativity play.

Music: We will be practising and learning songs to perform at our Nativity play**.**

Computing: Our first computing session of each half-term is focused on e-safety. After this, the children will be using Purple Mash and creating a graph using information from our history lessons around amenities in Cropwell Bishop.

We really appreciate the support you give and we hope that you will be able to continue to encourage and help 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. Just like last half term, your child will get opportunities during the week to change their book when they are ready for a new one. It would be really appreciated if you could sign your child's reading record when they have read at home with you, so we can move them up on our reading racing track. Also, if there are any comments or general messages you wish to make, please feel free to write them in your child's reading record or contact us via the Class 2 email:

class2info@cropwellbishop.notts.sch.uk

However, if there are any urgent messages please contact the school office.

Phonics/Spelling: In class children will continue to have daily phonics sessions where they will continue with the Read Write Inc scheme. Spellings will be sent home on a Friday and will be tested the following Friday.

Nativity – if your child has lines in our Nativity performance, it would be great if you could practice these with them at home! We know that life is very busy at this time of year, so your support is greatly appreciated.

Homework Grid: A homework grid will accompany this letter. Please enjoy the activities suggested together with your child.

Parents' Evening: We look forward to meeting with you at our parents' evening sessions on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th November.

Diary Dates for this Half Term –

- **Friday 13th November** – Children in Need (Non-uniform day)
- **Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th November –** Parents Evening
- **Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th December –** KS1 Nativity Play at **2pm**
- **Thursday 10th December –** FOS Film Night
- **Friday 18th December –** FOS Festive Fun and End of term

We are all looking forward to another productive half term and lots of Christmas fun as we lead up to the end of 2026.

Best Wishes,

The Year 2 team,

Miss Lloyd and Miss Amanda