

Crabtree Farm Primary School

Early Years Centre

Spring Term Newsletter

EYC News– F2 Torvill and Dean

“Intelligence plus character, that is the goal of true education”- Martin Luther King.

Our topic

This half term our topic is:

Traditional Tales and Nursery Rhymes



The children will be exploring this topic through:

- Reading and re-telling traditional tales
- Using their imagination to act out stories
- Music and rhyme
- Speaking and listening

Some of the things we will be doing include:

- Making our own story puppets
- Adapting stories to create their own traditional tale
- Creating story maps

Our topic

Next half term our topic is:

Dinosaurs



The children will be exploring this topic through:

- Stories and non-fiction books
- Speaking and listening
- Investigating and exploring
- Outside exploration

Some of the things we will be doing include:

- Creating fact files about Dinosaurs
- Exploring fossils and excavating their own bones
- Using salt dough to create bones and models

Diversity Calendar

This term as part of our whole school diversity calendar we will be learning about:

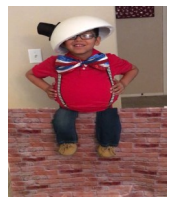
- Martin Luther-King day
- Luna New Year
- Lent (Christianity)
- Holi (Hindu and Sikh)
- International Women's Day
- National Autism Day
- Ramadan (Islam)
- Easter (Christian)



Traditional Tales Dress up day!

To end our Traditional Tales topic we would like everyone to dress up and celebrate all of the hard work from this half term. This will take place on: **Friday 14th February 2025**

Here are some examples of who you could dress-up as: Little Red Riding Hood, the big bad wolf, one of the three little pigs, Goldilocks, Grandma, Humpty Dumpty.... the list could go on!! You do not need to buy an outfit. For example, you could wear a pink t-shirt to be a pig or even use cardboard to make ears. to be the big bad wolf.



Look at all the fun we had last half term

We worked really hard to put on our performance of 'A Miracle in Town' with the children from KS1. All the children were fantastic and we hope that you enjoyed it too!



Using funding from our school Parent's Group, the children enjoyed a magical visit from the magician Geoffrey Jumper in the last week of term. There were smiles and laughter all round, it really was a wonderful experience that the children and staff will never forget!

Art workshops with Ms Winter.

Last half term, the children had the opportunity to work alongside resident artist Ms Winter to develop their creative skills and language. Every Thursday the children created art with a Festivals theme using the inside and outside environment.



The Good News Board

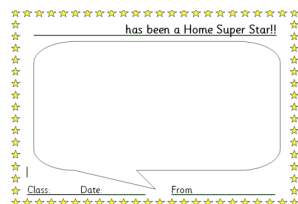
Calling all parents/carers, grandparents, aunts, uncles and big brothers and sisters – we need your help!!

We know how fantastic your children are at school and the achievements they make with us, but we want to know more about home!

We have our **Good News Board**, where we would like you to share good news from home about what your child has been doing. This can be anything new or exciting for your child.

A member of staff will have Good News cards available each day and we would like you to put your child's name on the top, write what has made them a super star at home and say who the comment is from.

It can be from parents/carers, grandparents or any family members. Please give them to your child's class teacher and they will display them on the board.



Homework and Reading Books

Puzzle Challenge:

The Torvill and Dean children will bring home a Puzzle Challenge every Friday. A Puzzle Challenge is an activity to do at home that is maths related.

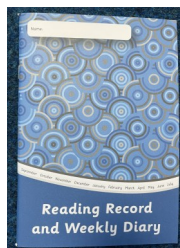


We would like the children to complete them with you and return them to school the following week. When they return them to school, they will receive a star sticker in the back of their reading diary. Puzzle is the name of the squirrel that helps the children to get better at maths!

Reading Books:

Please encourage your child to read every night. Your child will now be coming home with a new practise reading book linked to their phonics phase every **Wednesday**. These will be collected in each **Tuesday**. Any reading being done at home still needs to be recorded in the reading diary. Diaries are checked daily and each book should be read at least twice. Sharing reading books will be changed on a **Tuesday** and a **Friday**.

It is extremely important that these books are returned ON TIME and in GOOD CONDITION as they are then used in school. Any books not returned will have a charge of £2.50 on the gateway app.



Questions and Issues

Please do not hesitate to come and ask a member of staff in the EYC if you have any questions. Mrs Smith is the Early Years and KS1 Phase Leader. She is available to answer any questions. If you would rather speak to her in private, she is more than happy to make an appointment with you.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 22nd January

Parents/Carers Open Afternoon 1.30pm-6pm

Friday 7th February

Stay and Play

3rd-7th February

Wellbeing Week

11th February

Safer Internet Day

Friday 14th February

Traditional Tales dress up day

Friday 14th February

Last day of half term

Monday 24th February

First day of half term

Thursday 6th March

World Book day

10th-14th March

British Science Week

Friday 21st March

Red Nose day

Monday 24th March

World Maths Day

Thursday 27th March

Spring Disco 4pm-5pm

Friday 28th March

Stay and Play

Wednesday 2nd April

Parents/Carers Open Afternoon 1.30pm-6pm

Friday 4th April

Last day of term

Tuesday 22nd April

First day of summer term

PE

Did you know... a good nights sleep helps children's mental, physical, social and emotional development.

- Torvill have PE on **Tuesday**
- Dean have PE on **Thursday**



On PE days, children must come to school in PE kit. This should be **black leggings/joggers/shorts and trainers, along with the normal school polo shirt and jumper**. Please ensure any earrings are removed.