



# Crabtree Farm Primary School

## Treehouse Autumn Newsletter



Welcome to the first Treehouse newsletter!

As the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo), I am delighted to share our latest updates and insights with you.

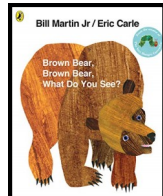
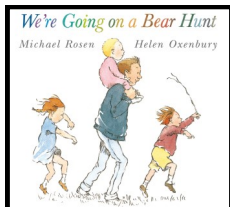
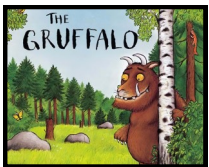
At Crabtree Farm Primary, we are committed to providing a supportive and engaging environment where every child can flourish.

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in our community.



### Theme of the Half Term:

#### Classic Stories



This half term, we are excited to explore the theme of Classic Stories.

We will dive into beloved tales like "We're Going on a Bear Hunt," where children will engage in various activities that bring the story to life.

Children will have the opportunity to:

- **Retell the Story:** Encourage children to express their understanding by signing/saying key words, drawing pictures and using vocabulary in role play.
- **Art and Crafts:** Create artwork inspired by the characters and settings in the stories.
- **Sensory Experiences:** Use sensory materials to recreate elements from the stories, enhancing their engagement and understanding.

We believe sharing these wonderful stories will not only fosters a love for reading, but also develop the children's language.

### Looking Ahead

#### Theme of Next Half Term:

#### **Celebrations**

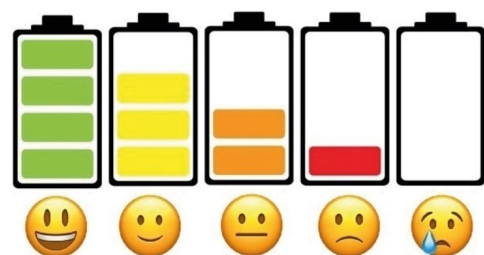


As we approach the next half term, we are excited to share that our theme will be Celebrations.

This theme will allow children to explore various cultural and seasonal celebrations such as Bonfire night.

To end this theme, we will be hosting a Christmas Party. This festive event will include fun activities, games, and special treats to celebrate the holiday season. More details about the party will be shared as we get closer to the date, so stay tuned!

### Mental Health and Wellbeing



September can be a challenging time, remember to check your battery.

**Selfcare is not selfish**

## Speech and Language Information

Effective communication is key to your child's growth. This term, we are focusing on enhancing speech and language skills through interactive story time sessions and play-based activities. All children in the treehouse will follow a speech and language programme.

Here are some tips to support your child's speech and language development at home:

- **Read Together:** Spend time reading books aloud, encouraging your child to express their thoughts about the story.
- **Practice Turn-Taking:** Use games to practice taking turns, which helps in developing conversational skills.
- **Encourage Descriptive Language:** Ask your child to describe their favourite toys or experiences, helping to expand their vocabulary.

If you have any concerns about your child's speech and language development, please feel free to reach out for support.



## Lunch Times and Tasting New Foods

We believe that lunchtime is not just about nourishment, but also about exploration and social interaction.

During lunch, children will have the opportunity to taste a variety of different foods, which helps broaden their palates and encourages healthy eating habits.



## Sensory Circuits and PE

We are excited to introduce sensory circuits as part of our weekly routine.

Sensory circuits are designed to help children self-regulate, focus, and prepare for learning. Each circuit includes a variety of activities that stimulate the senses, such as jumping, climbing, and balancing. These activities not only enhance motor skills but also provide essential sensory input that can help children manage their emotions and improve concentration.

PE will take place on Tuesdays. Sensory circuits and PE will be led by Mr Kiggins..



## Dates for your diary

### Autumn 1

Cancelled - Macmillan coffee morning

17th October – Firework Display

18th October – Last day of term

### Autumn 2

4th November – Children return to school

15th November – Child in Need

Moved to spring – Parent/carer Open Afternoon

5th December – Christmas Fayre

2nd December – Christmas Jumper day

18th December – Winter Disco

20th December – Last day of term

## Diversity Calendar

This term, as part of our whole school diversity calendar to help celebrate diversity and promote awareness, we will be learning about;

- International day of sign languages
- Black history month
- Harvest festival - Christian festival
- Diwali - Sikh and Hindu festival
- Armistice day
- World Kindness Day
- Hanukkah - Jewish Festival



## Open Door Policy: We are Here for You!



I want to remind all parents and carers that our door is always open for any concerns or questions you may have regarding your child's development or support needs.

Whether you have specific queries, need guidance, or simply want to have a chat, please feel free to reach out to us.