



# Crabtree Farm Primary School

Early Years Centre

Spring Term Newsletter

## Nottingham Castle, Robin Hood and Sherwood Classes News

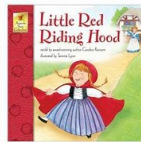
### Our topic spring 1 half term

This half term our topic is:

#### **Traditional Tales and Nursery Rhymes**

The children will be exploring this topic through:

- Stories and performances
- Outside role-play
- Using their imagination
- Speaking and listening



Some of the things we will be doing include:

- Learning lots of new nursery rhymes and actions
- Retelling and acting out traditional stories
- Making gingerbread men



### Our topic spring 2 half term

Next half term our topic is:

#### **Dinosaurs**

The children will be exploring this topic through:

- Fiction and non-fiction books
- Speaking and listening activities
- Exploring fossils and other resources



Some of the things we will be doing include:

- Creating a dinosaur fact file
- Learning about dinosaur diets
- Making box model dinosaurs

### Last half term we...

Last half term, our topic was Festivals. We learned about lots of festivals from different cultures. We listened to Diwali stories and made our own clay diva lamps. We learned some new nursery rhymes relating to the different festivals we learned about. Father Andrew did an assembly about Christingles, then we made our own. We also worked with the other early years classes to perform a nativity show for our grown-ups. We really enjoyed learning our 'Razzle Dazzle' song and performing it in front of everyone!



Our Nativity Performance



Making Diwali diva lamps

### Geoffrey Jumper's Magic Show!

To finish our autumn term, we had a visit from Geoffrey Jumper. He did an amazing magic show for the children in Early Years. The children were dazzled by the performance and enjoyed becoming magicians themselves!





## Cold Weather



Now we are in the winter months and the temperature is dropping please dress your child in appropriate clothing and shoes, making sure all jumpers and any additional clothing, e.g. scarves, gloves, hats, has their name in it.

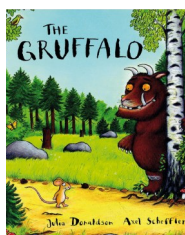
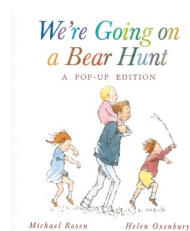
## Home Learning

*'The more that you read, the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn, the more places you will go.'*  
- Dr Seuss

### Reading at home

**It is really important you are reading with your child every day.** Your child should have their school reading book in their book bag for you to share together. You could also read any other different stories you have at home, a comic book or magazine, or just identifying different logos and brands when walking around shops. Please write, or draw a smiley face, in their diary when you read together. We check the reading diaries daily, so if you have any queries or questions, feel free to write in them and we will respond in the diary or in person.

School reading books are changed every Tuesday and Friday, so make sure to bring your book bags to school.



## PE

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



Robin Hood, Sherwood and Nottingham Castles classes all have PE on Wednesdays.

Please send your child in PE uniform that day (trainers, black joggers/leggings, a polo shirt and school jumper. If your child wears earrings, please make sure these are removed on their PE day.

## Dates for your diary

Wednesday 22nd January  
Parents/Carers Open Afternoon 1.30pm-6pm  
Friday 7th February  
Stay and Play  
Tuesday 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  
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

## Diversity Calendar

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

- **Martin Luther King Jr Day**
- **Lunar new year**
- **Children's mental health week**
- **Lent - Christian festival**
- **Holi - Sikh and Hindu festival**
- **International women's day**
- **Ramadan - Islam**
- **Easter - Christian festival**
- **World Autism Day**



## 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.