



# Crabtree Farm Primary School

## Early Years Centre

### Autumn Term Newsletter

#### Torvill & Dean Class News

“Work hard, be kind and amazing things will happen.”

#### Our topic

This half term our topic is:

**Ourselves, Our Environment and People  
Who Help Us.**



The children will be exploring this topic through:

- Finding facts from non-fiction books.
- Using their imagination
- Speaking and listening
- Investigating

Some of the things we will be doing include:

- Learning more about our school environment.
- Painting self portraits looking at similarities and differences..

#### Our topic

Next half term our topic is:

**Festivals!**



The children will be exploring this topic through:

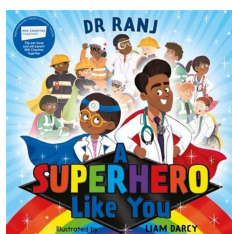
- Stories and non-fiction books
- Speaking and listening
- Investigating and exploring
- Outside exploration

Some of the things we will be doing include:

- Learning how to stay safe on Bonfire Night
- Exploring clay and creating Diva lamps.
- Using printing skills to create wrapping paper.

#### Our visitors this half term.

As part of the ‘People Who Help Us’ topic we will have several other visitors into school. A fire fighter will visit the children bringing with him his uniform for them to look at and possibly even try on! He will discuss fire safety with the children and there will be an opportunity for them to ask any questions they may have. We will also be visited by a nurse. She will show the children some of her work equipment including her stethoscope and scales and discuss the use of these with them. She will talk about healthy eating and lifestyles with the children and answer their questions.



#### Diversity Calendar

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

- International day of sign languages
- National Inclusion Week
- Black history month
- World Teachers’ day
- Harvest festival - Christian festival
- Show Racism the Red Card
- Diwali - Sikh and Hindu festival
- Armistice day
- World Kindness Day
- World Children’s Day
- Hanukkah - Jewish Festival

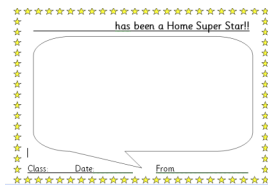


## The Good News Board

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 your child has done.



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.

## Dates for your diary

20.9.24 – EYFS stay and play

Cancelled – Macmillan coffee morning

17.10.24 – Firework Display

18.10.24 – last day of term

4.11.24 – children return to school

29.11.24 – EYFS stay and play

15.11.24 – Children in Need

Moved to spring term – Parent/carer open afternoon

2.12.24 – Christmas jumper day

5.12.24 – Christmas Fayre

9.12.24 – EYFS and KS1 production PM

10.12.24 - EYFS and KS1 production AM

10.12.24 – Christmas dinner

18.12.24 – Winter Disco

20.12.24 – last day of term

## Homework and Reading Books

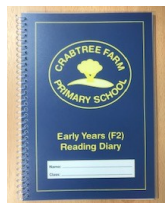
### Puzzle Challenge:



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 personal organiser. 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 5 times a week.

**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 Arbor app.**

Sharing reading books will be changed on a **Tuesday** and a **Friday**.

## 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 Leader and is in school Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. 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.



## PE

**Did you know ... exercise helps your brain function better?**

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

The children do not get changed into PE kit in school, please send your child in black trainers, black shorts/joggers/leggings, a polo shirt and a school jumper. If your child wears earrings, please make sure these are removed on their PE day.