



# Crabtree Farm Primary School

Adlington and Froch

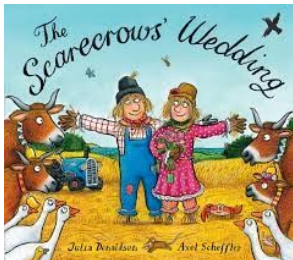
Autumn Term Newsletter

## Year 3 News

### English

During this term, we will be carrying out lots of fun reading and writing activities. Our first English topic focuses on writing a diary entry which is linked to *The Scarecrow's Wedding*. We will also be working hard to develop the children's handwriting and spelling too.

Next half term, we will be looking at the book *George's Marvellous Medicine* by Roald Dahl. We will be using this text to develop the children's understanding of speech and being able to include this in their own witness statements. During this unit, the children will become both reporters and news readers!



Welcome back and welcome to Year 3. This year our team consists of Mrs Shipley, Mr White, Mrs Marshall, Mrs Lee and Mr Hancock.

### Geography

This half term, we will be starting an exciting new topic called 'The UK'. The children will be looking at whether Nottinghamshire is the best county in Great Britain. We will use maps and atlases to help develop our geographical skills. We will learn how to read maps and find out what rivers, seas and mountains are found in the UK. We will also identify both physical and human features of Nottinghamshire.



### History

After half term, we will be investigating the history of medicine and how it has affected the lives of people in Britain today. The children will be looking at how medicine was developed over the years and will be finding out about the people that discovered medicine.

### Maths

This term in maths, we will be focusing on:

- Place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division

Developing the children's times tables knowledge is also very important this year, please encourage your child to log in to **TT Rock Stars** as this is a fun way for children to learn their tables.



### Science

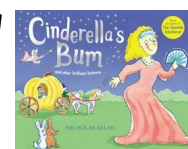
In science, we will be looking at light and how shadows are formed. We will also be finding out about different types of rocks.



### Relationship and Sex Education

In RSE, we will be looking at the difference between males and females and naming the body parts.

Book recommendation:



## School Trips

We appreciate that many of you like to prepare for the cost of school trips so here is a list of the trips or experiences that we will be participating in this year.

### Autumn Term

Harvest Festival and Carol Concert (no cost)

### Spring Term

Roman Experience Day: 17th or 18th March (no cost)

Saxon Archaeology workshop 6th May (no cost)

### Summer Term

Rand Farm Residential: 9th-11th June (£110 per child).

## Homework and Reading Books

### Reading

Your child will be given a reading book which can be changed weekly. It would be wonderful if you could try to read with your child at least **five times a week**. When you complete their diary after reading, they will move up our class reading chart and earn badges as they go. It is very important that your child brings their reading books into school **everyday** as we will be reading our books on a daily basis.

### Homework

Each week, we will give the children a piece of maths and English homework. This will be based around the work that we are doing in class. We will also give your child their log-in details to access the reading lessons we set on Reading Eggs. We will be monitoring when these tasks are completed. **If you have any issues accessing the online homework, please come and speak to one of the Year 3 team.**

## 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
- Christmas- Christian Festival



## Dates for your diary

### Autumn 1

17th September - Welcome meeting

Cancelled - Macmillan Coffee Morning

16th October - Harvest Festival

17th October - Firework Display

18th October - Last day of term.

### Autumn 2

4th November - Children return to school

15th November - Children in Need

Moved to spring - Parent/carer Open Afternoon

2nd December - Christmas Jumper Day

4th December - Christmas Carol Concert

5th December - Christmas Fayre

10th December - Christmas Dinner Day

18th December - Winter Disco

20th December - Last day of term

## Questions and Issues

If you have any questions or issues with any aspect of your child's school life, please let us know, we are always here to help and support.

The best time to speak to Mrs Shipley, Mr White or Mrs Marshall is at the end of the school day when you can make an appointment to speak to them.

Please do not come into the Year 3 cloakroom in the morning with your child. If you wish to speak to a teacher in the morning, please speak to whoever is on the door as they will be able to help you.

## Did you know exercise helps your brain function better?



### PE

We will be having our PE lessons on a **Monday** and a **Thursday**. We will be learning how to play games in a team and developing our coordination through ball games. On these days, your child will need to come to school in **black joggers, leggings, with their white school top**.