



# Crabtree Farm Primary School

Early Years Centre

Autumn Term Newsletter

## Nottingham Castle, Robin Hood and Sherwood Classes News



### Our topic autumn 1 half term



This half term our topic is:

### **Ourselves, our environment and people who help us**

The children will be exploring this topic through:

- Stories and non-fiction books
- Outside role-play
- Using their imagination
- Speaking and listening

Some of the things we will be doing include:

- Meeting a firefighter and asking him questions
- Learning about different types of jobs
- Finding out about our local environment

### Our topic autumn 2 half term



Next half term our topic is:

### **Festivals**



The children will be exploring this topic through:

- Fiction books and creating their own stories
- Speaking and listening activities
- Role-play
- Using their imagination

Some of the things we will be doing include:

- Learning about Christmas and doing lots of fun Christmas activities
- Painting bonfire and firework pictures.
- Learning about Diwali and making diya lamps.
- Playing traditional festival games.

### Our visitors this half term

This half term, linked to our topic Ourselves, Our Environment and People Who Help Us, we have a nurse, a firefighter and our school cook, coming to talk to the children about their jobs. We will talk about how they help people and the children will come up with a list of question to ask them to find out more about their jobs.



The children will also be able to try on the firefighters uniform, explore the different equipment nurses use within their job and help our cook make a cake for us to eat.

### 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



## Reading Diaries

This week we have sent home book bags, reading books and new reading diaries. It is really important you are reading with your child every day. 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.



Reading books are changed every Tuesday and Friday so make sure to bring your book bags in and write in the diaries when you read together.

## Home Learning

### Rhyme of the week

Each week, we will send home our 'Rhyme of the week'. This will be a nursery rhyme that we are learning and focussing on that week at school.

Please sing the nursery rhyme together with your child and encourage them to join in with any actions.

### WOW moments

In your child's book bag you will find 'WOW moment' sheets. These are for you to fill in to tell us things your child has done that you are proud of so we can celebrate them together at school as well.

## Dates for your diary

6th September - Return to school  
19th September- Bank holiday  
23rd September - Stay and Play  
30th September - Macmillan coffee morning  
13th October - Break up for half term  
14th October- INSET day  
31st October- Return to school  
18th November- Children in Need  
23rd November- Individual photograph day  
24th November- Parents Evening  
1st December- Stay and Play  
7th December- EY's Nativity- afternoon  
8th December- EY's Nativity- morning  
15th December - Christmas dinner day  
20th December- Christmas party day  
21st December- INSET  
5th January- Return to school

## Reading books



A few reading books

that were sent home towards the end of last year have not yet been returned. Please could you check at home and send any that you have back to school. These books will have a sticker on the front with the Crabtree Farm Primary School logo and will be

## Questions and Issues

Please do not hesitate to come and ask a member of staff in the EYC if you have any questions or queries. Mrs Morley is the Early Years Leader and is in school Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays . 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 makes your brain function better?*

Our P.E day is Friday. This term the children will not be getting changed for PE, they will just be taking off their shoes and socks. If your child wears earrings, please make sure these are removed on a Friday.