



RECEPTION

AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

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

Welcome to the new classes of Torvill and Dean- It is going to be a wonderful year for us all! This year our teaching team consists of Mrs Toland, Miss Sutton, Mrs Adkin, Miss Hunter and Mrs Smith. We are all here to work together to help and support your children and their families every day.

TOPIC HALF TERM ONE

		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

TOPIC HALF TERM TWO

This 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 Diya lamps. ✓ Using printing skills to create wrapping paper.	
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PERSONAL SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

	This term, the children will focus on making relationships and understanding right from wrong. They will learn why rules are important and how they help to make our school safe and enjoyable for everyone. Through our topics the children will learn that everyone's families and homes are different and that people may have similarities or differences to our own, but we need to respect this and be kind and tolerant towards others. They will also learn about and understand different feelings and techniques to cope with them when they feel overwhelming.
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COMMUNICATION LANGUAGE AND LITERACY DEVELOPMENT

Throughout the autumn term, the children will focus on important conversation skills, such as looking at the person who is talking, listening attentively and responding using clear speech. During our big book sessions, the children will learn a wide range of new vocabulary linked to the text or the topic which will help to develop their rich language skills. When making comparisons, the children will understand what an adjective is and how it helps to describe key features which supports understanding of new concepts.	
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MATHEMATIC DEVELOPMENT

	At our school we follow White Rose Maths. This term the children will be learning about matching and sorting objects, making patterns and mastering the numbers 1-5. They will learn about circles, triangles and 4 sided shapes, using them to create pictures and patterns. The children will measure length and weight and use key vocabulary to describe and compare.
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PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Did you know....exercise makes your brain function better?



Torvill and Dean have PE on a **Tuesday** with Mr Kiggins.

On PE days, please ensure your child wears the PE kit uniform of black shorts/joggers/leggings, a school polo shirt and trainers (preferably black). Please remove any earrings.

DIVERSITY CALENDAR

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

- National Inclusion Week
- World Alzheimer's Day
- International Day of Sign Language
- Black History month
- Yom Kippur (Jewish)
- Harvest Festival (Christian)
- Show Racism the Red Card
- Diwali (Sikh and Hindu)
- Armistice Day
- World Kindness Day
- St Andrew's Day (Scotland)
- Human Rights Day
- Hanukkah (Jewish)



ONLINE ACTIVITIES & SAFETY TIPS



Your child will be given a log in and password for Reading Eggs and Numbots. These educational apps are perfect to support your child with their early reading and maths skills in a safe and fun way. It is important that the games and videos your child is accessing are ideally educational, but most importantly, age appropriate. If you are unsure or would like support with this, please speak to your class teacher.

QUESTIONS AND ISSUES

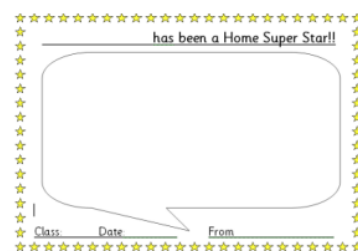


Please do not hesitate to come and ask a member of staff in the EYC if you have any questions.

Mrs Smith is the Early Years and Key Stage 1 Phase 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.

GOOD NEWS

Calling all parents/carers, grandparents, aunties, 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.



HOME LEARNING

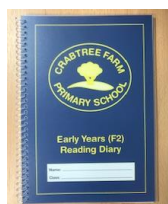


Puzzle Challenge:

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 diary. 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**.

TRIPS AND EXPERIENCES

As part of the 'People Who Help Us' topic we will have several other visitors into school. Firefighters will visit the children bringing their uniform for them to look at and possibly even try on! They will discuss fire safety with the children and there will be an opportunity for them to ask any questions they may have. They will even get a chance to explore a real fire engine!

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.



DIARY DATES

	HALF TERM ONE	HALF TERM TWO
	02/09 Start of autumn 1 10/10 EYFS Stay and Play 16/10 Firework Display 17/10 Last day of autumn 1	03/11 Start of autumn 2 14/11 Children in Need 19/11 School photos 26/11 Parent/Carer Open Afternoon 28/11 EYFS Stay and Play 01/12 Christmas tree decoration assembly (children may wear a Christmas jumper) 03/12 Christmas Fayre 2-4pm 10/12 EYFS/KS1 Production (1.30pm) 11/12 EYFS/KS1 Production (9.30am) 15/12 Winter Disco F1-Y2 4-5pm 17/12 Christmas dinner day 19/12 Last day of autumn 2

MESSAGE FROM NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL ROAD SAFETY TEAM

	Very sadly, over the last school year, three children were injured after being knocked over by cars outside Nottingham schools. So, as the new term begins, we're asking for your co-operation to keep the roads outside school calm and safe for everyone. We're asking all parents or carers who drive children to school, can you ✓ BE TIMELY – Can you try to get to school in good time, so that you can park away from the school, especially the zig-zag lines, and walk your child/children up to the school gates? This will mean better visibility and a safer environment for everyone. ✓ BE CONSIDERATE – Please can you park considerately; not blocking the pavements or resident's driveways and turning off your vehicle's engine whilst waiting, to reduce pollution? ✓ BE PATIENT – Can you please drive carefully and be patient whilst driving away from the school? We appreciate everyone has busy lives, however this has been the main cause of previous accidents. As we go into the new school term, let's do all we can to keep our children safe. Thank you. Councillor Linda Woodings, Executive member for road safety, Nottingham City Council.
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