



Crabtree Farm Primary School

Early Years Centre

Summer Term Newsletter

EYC News– F2 Torvill and Dean

*“Learn as if you were to live forever.”
Mahatma Gandhi*

Our topic

This half term our topic is:

Our Diverse World



The children will be exploring this topic through:

- Learning about famous and influential people from around the world.
- Exploring art and music.
- Speaking and listening

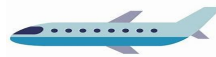
Some of the things we will be doing include:

- Creating fact-files about people we are learning about.
- Discovering cultures and traditions from around the globe.

Our topic

Next half term our topic is:

Going Places



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:

- Creating stories about places we might visit.
- Map reading
- Discovering new places in our world.

Diversity Calendar

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

- Vaisakhi - Sikh new year
- Earth Day
- St George's Day
- Deaf awareness week
- Global accessibility awareness day
- Vesak - Buddhist festival
- Race unity day
- Eid-al-Adha - Islam holiday
- School diversity week
- Al-Hijra - Islamic new year



Look at all the fun we had last half term...

We were all very excited when our very own class pets hatched from their eggs! We placed our eggs in warm water and watched the shells fizz until our eggs appeared. Inside our eggs we finally got to meet 'Boppy the rabbit' and 'Coco the lamb'.



We were busy building cages and beds for our new pets to sleep in. We thought about what they would like to eat and made lots of grass and carrots from paper and cardboard. We even made water bowls out of Duplo to make sure they weren't thirsty. We looked after our pets very carefully and some children took them home overnight to keep them safe!



Music and Art last half term...

We enjoyed our music sessions with Mr Hull this half term. The music genre of the half term was Reggae and Ska. We learnt how to use sign language to sing 'Three Little Birds' by Bob Marley. Our favourite ska song was 'Baggy Trousers' by Madness. We had lots of fun



dancing around the classroom to this song! We explored clay and made clay animals at the creative table as part of our art work.

Pet visits from spring half term...

We were very lucky during the spring half term and were able to meet and learn about several different pets. We asked questions about how to care for the different animals and were able to have hands on experience of how to behave around the different pets.

We looked after Mrs Barker's fish Gary and Sparkle for the half term and fed them daily. We even learnt how to clean the fish tank!!



Mrs Toland's cat Duncan visited school and we learnt how he needs to be cared for and what he likes to eat and play with at home. We learnt about the body language of a cat and signs to watch for to see if he was feeling happy or if he had had enough of being stroked!

Miss Haskey visited us with Freddie the dog. We asked lots of questions about how to care for him and he showed off all the tricks he knows! We enjoyed watching him dance!



Mrs Adkin brought Scooby the Guinea pig to visit us and we stroked him and learnt how to care for him. We also found out what he needs in his cage.

Finally, Mrs Scriven brought her pet tortoise to school and taught us how he needs to be cared for. We stroked his shell and watched him eat his dinner!



Sun Protection

Now we are heading into the summer term and the weather is improving we would like the children to bring a sunhat to school on sunny days. Please put your child's name in their hat.

We would also like to remind you that we do not allow open toed sandals at school.

On very sunny days please put sun cream on your child before they come to school. If you would like their sun cream reapplied in the afternoon, please bring a bottle of sun cream into school with your child's name on it. Also, please sign a consent form. These are available from your child's class teacher.



Homework and Reading Books

Puzzle Challenge:

The Torvill and Dean children will bring home a Puzzle Challenge every week. 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 reading diary. Puzzle is the name of the squirrel that helps the children to get better at maths!

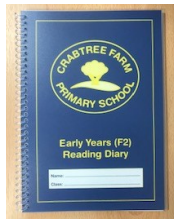


Tricky words: Children will also bring a new set of tricky words home each week to learn.

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

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.



Questions and Issues

Please do not hesitate to come and ask a member of staff in the EYC if you have any questions. Mrs Morley is the Early Years Leader and is in school Wednesday to Friday, so 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.

Dates for your diary

15th April - Start of Summer 1 Half Term

25th April - Spanish Day

6th May - Bank Holiday

17th May - Stay and Play

24th May - Last day of Summer 1 Half Term

3rd June - Start of Summer 2 Half Term

4th June - EYFS Sports Day

3rd July - Summer Fayre

10th July - Transition Day

12th July - Reports to parents/carers

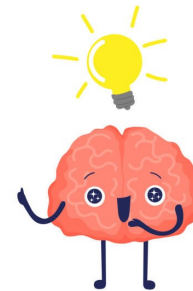
18th July - Stay and Play

19th July - EYFS talent show

25th July - Theatre Royal Trip

25th July - Last day of Summer 2 Half Term

26th July - INSET Day



PE

Did you know... exercise helps improve mental health and well-being?

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

On a PE day all children should come to school wearing PE kit, which is black trainers, navy blue/black shorts/joggers/leggings and a school polo shirt. Please ensure any earrings are removed.

