



# Crabtree Farm Primary School

## Early Years Centre

### Autumn Term Newsletter

#### Torvill & Dean Class News

##### 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..

*"Work hard, be kind and amazing things will happen."*

##### Our topic

Next half term our topic is:

**Festivals!**



The children will be exploring this topic through:

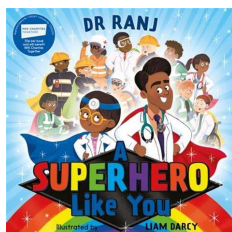
- Stories and non-fiction books
- Speaking and listening
- Investigating and exploring
- Outside exploration

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 Christmas wrapping paper.

##### Our visitors this half term.

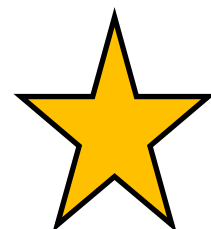
As part of the 'People Who Help Us' topic we will have several other visitors into school. A fire fighter will visit the children bringing with him his uniform for them to look at and possibly even try on! He will discuss fire safety with the children and there will be an opportunity for them to ask 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.
- Black History Month
- Harvest Festival– Christian festival
- Diwali– Sikh and Hindu festival
- Armistice day
- World Kindness Day
- Hanukkah– Jewish festival



## The Good News Board

Calling all parents/carers, grandparents, aunties, uncles and big brothers and sisters – we need your help!!

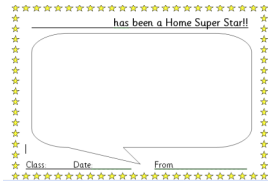
We know how fantastic your children are at school and the achievements they make with us, but we want to know more about home!

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



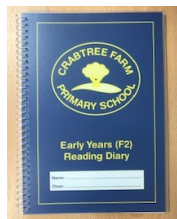
## Dates for your diary

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

## 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 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 gateway 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– 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.

## 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, but you may send your child in black trainers, navy blue/black shorts/joggers/ leggings and a school polo shirt.