



# Crabtree Farm Primary School

## Summer Term Newsletter

Magpies and The Lions

April 2024

### Year 2 Information

#### English

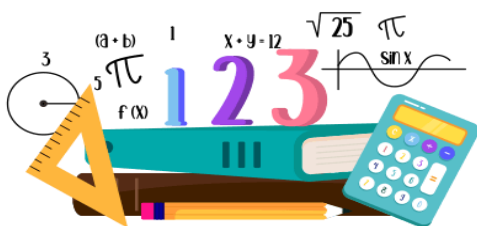
To start off the summer term, we are having a day learning all about the Great Fire of London and then writing a recount about our exciting day.

Later in the term, we will be reading a story about a street dog who witnessed the Great Fire of London. The children will then write their own stories from the perspective of a rat. We will continue learning about commas, expanded noun phrases (two adjectives before a noun) and developing our vocabulary. We will be learning how to write in the past tense using the correct verbs. Later on, we will be reading a story based on a child's experience of the Titanic. The children will be writing diary entries from the perspective of a child on board the ship. We will be learning about adverbs and will be using these in our writing.



#### Maths

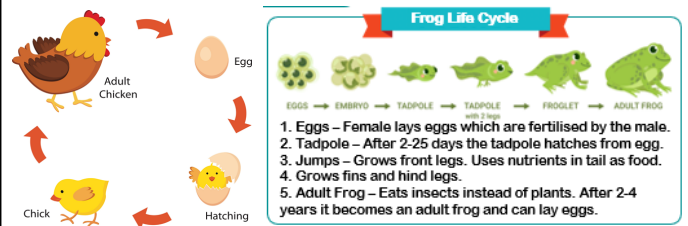
During the first half term, we will be recapping the four operations (addition, subtraction, division and multiplication) and revising all the topics we have learnt so far. We will also be learning about time, statistics and measurement!



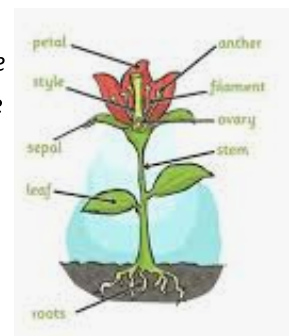
Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely Easter break. We have lots of exciting things planned for this term!

#### Science

Our topics for this term are animal life cycles and plants. When looking at life cycles, we will be learning how to order the stages of a human life cycle. We will then investigate what offspring different animals have. We will be looking at how the chicken grows from an egg and what life is like for a frog in a pond.



During our work on plants, we will be looking at the difference between seeds and bulbs. We will also look at plants, how they grow and what they need to be healthy.



### Personal Social Health and Economic Education

In P.S.H.E we will be learning about how to keep ourselves healthy and looking after our bodies.

### Relationship and Sex Education

In R.S.E we will be learning the proper names for all our body parts and looking at the differences between males and females.

Books that you could read with your child to support these topics include-

- The Same but Different by Charlotte Barkla
- Who has what? by Robie Harris

## History

In summer 1 half term, during our history topic, we will be learning about the Great Fire of London. We will be looking at why the fire started and why it spread so quickly. We will be using sources from the past to investigate what happened and creating timelines.



Later, we will be doing an exciting topic about the Titanic! Children always enjoy this topic greatly and become fascinated by why the Titanic sunk and why so many people lost their lives. Children will be looking at artefacts from the Titanic as part of their enquiry skills. We will also learn about the lives of people on the Titanic such as Delia McDermott and Joseph Philippe Lemercier Laroche.

## Diversity Calendar

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

3/4/24 Vaisakhi - Sikh new year

22/4/24 Earth Day

3/4/24 St George's Day (England)

6-12/5/24 Deaf awareness week

6/5/24 Global Accessibility awareness day

23/5/24 Vesak – Buddhist festival

6-19/6/24 Eid-al-Adha – Islam holiday

24-28/6/24 School Diversity Week

6-7/7/24 Al-Hijra—Islamic New Year



## P.E.

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

In P.E this term the children will learn attacking and defending skills, learning how to create their own rules and versions of known activities.

This term, Magpies and The Lions will have P.E on **Tuesday**, so please ensure that they wear uniform on top and black or navy jogging bottoms/leggings/shorts and trainers.



## Homework and Reading Books

Last term you received information about the REDTED reading incentive. Reading is essential to your child's learning journey and we urge you to read at least five times a week with your child and write in their reading diaries. **It is important that your child brings their reading book every day as they will be reading on a daily basis.**



Recently, we have been sending home maths homework every Friday linked to what they have been learning in class. So far, year 2 have been amazing at returning their homework on time! This is fantastic and will help support your child's learning. If you have any questions about the maths homework, please do not hesitate to ask and we

## Dates for your diary

15th April - Start of Summer 1 Half Term

25th April - Spanish Day

6th May - Bank Holiday

May - Year 2 SATs

24th May - Last day of Summer 1 Half Term

3rd June - Start of Summer 2 Half Term

6th June - Sports Day

10th to 21st June - Phonics Screening

3rd July - Summer Fayre

10th July - Transition Day

12th July - Reports to parents/carers

22nd July - Talent Show

25th July - Last day of Summer 2 Half Term

26th July - INSET Day

## Questions and Issues

If you have any questions or issues with any aspect of your child's school life, please let us know. The best time to speak to Miss Barnes or Mrs Hall is at the end of the school day when you can make an appointment to speak to them. If you wish to pass on a message in the morning, please speak to the member of staff at the door who will pass on the information to the relevant person.

