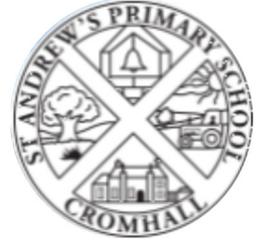


Infant Class Term 2 Newsletter



Welcome back to term 2. I'm sure you have all enjoyed the much needed break, last term was a long one. This term is not quite as long and will have all the excitement of Christmas thrown in so is sure to pass by quickly. We are starting the term celebrating the centenary of the end of the First World War and then continue the term with our topic, In a Galaxy Far, Far Away.

Topic- In a Galaxy Far, Far, Away

This term our topic is titled 'In a Galaxy Far, Far Away' and will have an overarching theme of space and all things space related. We will be learning about real life astronauts, the solar system and materials. We are starting the term watching a short film made by Pixar called 'La Luna' to inspire children's writing. **Please don't show the children this film at home** until after week 2 as we won't be watching it in full to begin with and knowing the ending could spoil it for them. We will be investigating space food, where the planets are, what it is like to be an astronaut and designing somethings for astronauts to take into space with them.

Book Bags



It is vital that your child's book bag continues to come to school with your child every day. This ensures your child's reading book is in school every day so we can read with them as much as possible and change their books as needed. This is also a useful tool in ensuring letters make it home safely.

In addition to reading books children are now bringing home a library book from the class library. Both reading and library books can be changed as often as children like. Reading books will have to have been read at home first though and recorded as finished in reading records. There are a few children who have not returned the first book they borrowed please check for any stray books at home as we cannot allow children to bring another library book home until their last one is returned.

Wellies

Please remember to return wellies to school as soon as possible. We will continue to change shoes into wellies at playtimes as we did last term for going on the field. Please put wellies on the welly racks outside the classroom.



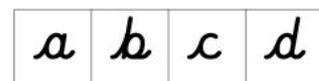
WOW DAY

We are planning a WOW Day to introduce our new topic on space on **Wednesday 21st November** where we will have a day of space fun related activities including some space related art and DT and making some space food. Children are invited to dress up in space themed fancy dress for the day e.g. astronauts, aliens, scientists. Be as imaginative as you like.



Cursive Script

Just a reminder that we are teaching children to write using the cursive script, hopefully you have been practicing over the holidays. The rationale behind the decision to do this from reception is that it is proven that the younger they start the earlier they effectively join their writing, which is a requirement by the end of year 2.



Spellings and Phonics

At the end of last term children all completed a phonics assessment and have been regrouped for this term. This allows us to focus on children's next steps and ensure these are met so that this progress then transfers into their and their reading. Spellings will also be taught through these sessions and children will not always have a formal test but practice writing these spelling as part of this session and be assessed informally at this point.

EYFS phonics practice

Reception children have been given a phonics book updated as they learn the sounds with a picture, the letter to practice writing in cursive script and the action that we teach to accompany each sound. Please practice the sounds at home, recognising and writing them using cursive script. Thank you



WOW Slips



We have had many Wow slips returned this term, it is so wonderful to hear about the things children are achieving at home too. They love sharing these with their classmates and sticking their Wow on our Wow wall. Please continue to send more in. I will attach some more to this letter for you. Don't hesitate to ask if you require more.

School Dinners

Just a reminder that school dinners remain free until the end of year 2. Mrs Martin makes some wonderful and delicious meals for the children please look at the new menu with your children to see which days they might like to have dinners.



Water Bottles



A reminder; please ensure that water bottles are in school every day and that they are named. These will be stored in the classroom and sent home at the end of each day. Please can you **only** fill with water, **NO** squash, juice or fizzy drinks. If children come to school with squash in their bottles it will be replaced with water.