





Welcome back Crowland Class!

Spring Term 1

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back ready for Spring Term 1 in Crowland Class! We hope that you have had a lovely Christmas and New Year. Please find below all relevant information that you will need for this term.

Timings

The KS1 gate will open at 8.35am for an 8.45am start. You will bring your child onto the playground and they will line up when the bell goes at 8.40am. The teacher will then take all the children into class. If you have a message for the teacher please send this via dojo or tell the teacher on duty before 8.45am. The gate in the afternoon will now be unlocked at 3.10pm and you can collect your children from the door opposite Crowland at 3.15pm.

What to Bring

Your child will need to bring in a water bottle, book bag and lunch bag (if required) daily. All children must remember to bring in their reading records on a daily basis, so that we can check when your child has read at home (to add on those important dojo points).

P.E.

PE will take place every week on Monday. Please send your child to school in uniform with their PE kit in a separate bag. Your child will get changed for PE in school. All of your child's PE kit must be named. The P.E kit should be appropriate for indoor and outdoor P.E and should consist of a white t-shirt and black shorts and pumps.

Our first PE session will take place on the second week back – Monday 9th January. Please ensure that your child brings their PE kit is in school for this day. Your child's PE kit will remain in school until half term.

Reading and Phonics

We will be continuing with the phonics scheme Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised. This scheme is a full letters and sounds programme with a consistent approach and will ensure your child will be given the best possible foundation for reading, writing and language skills. Some of the Year 2 children in Crowland will have completed the phonics program already however it is something you might want to be aware of. Once the children are confident readers they will move on to Accelerated Reader (AR). This is where they will have a book of their choice (within their accessed level.) They will be able to read this book at home and at school. Once the book is complete they will be able to take a comprehension test at school to see if they have understood the book they have read. The 'Home School Record' will continue this year for you to record when your child has read. Please ensure that it is in school every day. Dojo points are awarded for daily reading and AR tests, but only if the home school record is signed.

Any of the Year 2 children that passed their phonics screening check in Year 1 will be starting immediately on our Accelerated Reading program. They will have an initial assessment to check their reading age and then they will be able to choose their own book from our ever-increasing library, linked to their reading age.

Homework

The children will receive one piece of Mathematics or one of English/phonics homework each week, which will alternate. Homework will be given out each Friday in the homework folder and is expected back in school on the following Thursday.

Any child that is on Accelerated Reader, instead of phonics, will also have weekly spellings to practice and will have a test every Friday.

Curriculum

This term our topic is 'To Infinity and Beyond'. The children will be learning about how man got into space, who was the first man on the moon, how you become an astronaut and why it was important to land on the moom. In English, we will be exploring the story 'Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram and 'Look Up' by Nathan Byron. Our science topic this term is all about different materials and their properties and we will be testing them too.

Please do not hesitate to message me via Class Dojo with any questions you may have.

Many thanks,

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