



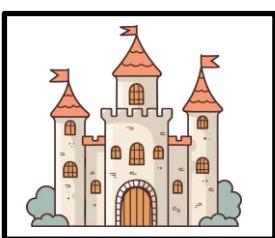
Crowland Class - January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your child/children have all had a relaxing Christmas holidays and that they are looking forward to getting back to school! We are really looking forward to seeing you all and hearing about your holidays.

Drop off/Pick Up

The KS1 gate will be open at **8.35am**. Please bring your child straight to the red double doors where their teacher will be waiting for them. The KS1 gate will then be opened at **3:10pm** and the children will be collected from the red double doors at **3.15pm**.



History

In History this term, our topic is Castles and Cathedrals! We will be learning about the features of castles, why they were built and who lived and worked in castles. We will explore some different castles in the UK and learn about how their defenses have changed over time.



Science

In Science, we will be learning about materials. We will be investigating the properties of different materials and what different materials can be used for. This topic will involve lots of hands-on experiments and investigations!

Reading and Phonics

The children will be taught daily phonics using our fantastic scheme Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised. The children will come home with their phonics books on a **Friday**, and these will include sounds that your child has learnt, and they will have shared the book with an adult in school before they bring it home. As a result of this, your child should be able to read it independently. Please return these books the following **Friday**. In addition to the phonics book, they will also take home a 'sharing' book that they will **not** be able to read independently and is designed to be shared with a grown-up. They may, of course, choose to read something they have at home for this instead. Sharing books will be changed on a **Monday** and **Wednesday**.



Every child will have a 'Home School Record' with their reading books for yourself to record when your child has read. Dojo points are awarded for daily reading, but only if the home school record is signed. If



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the home school record is not signed, or if the book is not returned to school, your child will not be able to choose a different book.

From this term, some children in Year 2 will begin spelling and reading fluency lessons in place of phonics. Those children will bring home their reading book **every 2 weeks**. More information about our spelling and fluency scheme can be found on our website.

P.E.



PE will take place every week on **Tuesday**. Please send your child to school in their PE kit with their school uniform and school shoes in a separate bag ready to get changed into after PE. All of your child's school uniform, shoes and 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**.

Homework

Homework will be given out each Friday in the homework folder and is expected back in school on the following Thursday.

Fruit and Water

The children will be given a healthy snack (a piece of fruit) each day. We encourage drinking water regularly so please send your child in with fresh water every day in their named water bottle.

Picking up after school

If someone other than the usual person will be picking up your child after school, please let us know.

Kind regards,

Miss Parr and Mr Mountain



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