

Snowy Owl

Autumn Term Newsletter


Hello and welcome to Year 3 at Crofton Junior School. We are so excited for the year ahead!

We are so pleased with how well the children have settled in. Please remember, if you have any worries or concerns, do not hesitate to get in touch.

A few reminders:

- **PE** will be every **Wednesday** and **Friday**. ***On Wednesday and Friday, all children must come to school wearing their outdoor PE kit. They will stay in their PE kit all day so do not need to bring their uniform. Any earrings must be removed at home.***

Homework expectations: - All homework will be given out next Friday (18th Sept). This includes reading books.

- All children will have an orange homework book. At the front is any log in and password information for our homework websites. Each week a new spelling list will also be put in here. This book can be used to practise spellings in, if you wish.
- New spelling lists will go out on a Friday ready for a spelling test the following Thursday. All children must also remember to complete **5 Spelling Shed**  **games** before the following Friday. Every week, children will be set spelling words which they will receive in their tests so it is an excellent and fun way to work on these words!
- By the end of Year 3, to be working at the expected standard, children need to be able to recall the 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 8x and 10x tables, including division facts. Children must remember to complete **10 garage games on TT Rock Stars** each week.
- Reading of their reading book 3x per week. This does not need to be the whole book. A couple of pages at a time still counts. This must be recorded in the reading record book (more info below).



English

In English this term our text driver is **George's Marvellous Medicine**. All our English work during Autumn 1 will be linked to this book therefore providing a purpose and context for the work the children produce. We will be focusing specifically on English skills such as grammar and spelling to ensure children have the foundations which they can then build upon over the year.

In Autumn 2, to link with our history topic WWII, we will be reading **The Lion and the Unicorn** by Shirley Hughes. This is a wonderful book which tells the story of a young boy called Lenny who is evacuated during the war. The children will produce diaries and letters in role as Lenny and the other characters.



Maths



In maths this term we will be focusing heavily upon number and place value, including mental strategies to ensure all pupils are secure with the foundations of mathematics thus ensuring we can continue to build on this knowledge throughout the year. Additionally, we will be encouraging children to use a range of practical resources to support their thinking and problem solving skills.

Reading

By next Friday, all pupils will have been assigned a reading book. Please ensure your child is reading at least 3 times per week at home. This needs to be recorded in their home reading records to ensure they earn a team point. Once a pupil has read a book, they will use an iPad or laptop in school to quiz as part of the Accelerated Reader programme. This is a whole-school rewarding reading programme which allows children to receive instant feedback about their comprehension and earn points, certificates and prizes.



Wider Curriculum

We endeavour to ensure all pupils receive a broad and balanced curriculum. This term our topic is "Home & Away". In our history lessons, all pupils will discover what life was like during WWII.

In science, pupils will be learning about animals, including humans and about light.

In design technology, pupils will be learning to prepare and cook a range of foods, both sweet and savoury.

In PE, pupils will be learning all about movement and we will also focus on improving their fitness skills.

Pupils will also study computing, RE, French, music and PSHE through the Jigsaw scheme.