

Weekly Newsletter

'Education on another level, where possibilities are endless'

SPRING BOOKSHELVES

Reading is without a doubt the most important academic skill we can teach our children. But what is also important, is developing a love for books and for reading – something we try and instil in our children throughout their time at Crown Street Primary!

Books are incredible tools for learning about everything which is why we hold books at the heart of our curriculum. As we have previously mentioned we use books like windows and mirrors; a window to another world (real or fantasy) and a mirror for seeing ourselves and/or our qualities within a story.

Each term, the Class Teachers and myself (as you know I cannot help myself when talking about and/or looking at books!) choose a selection of books for the upcoming term which feature on their Curriculum Bookshelf. These books help to bring depth and a further understanding to our character traits along with being stimuli for the different learning planned for the upcoming term. Having different books each term allows us to explore a wide range of books including exploring different genres and authors, all whilst being used to inspire, engage and spark curiosity. We are excited to read and share these books throughout the term.

More information about Spring term can be found on each 'Year Group' page on our [website](#) – or by clicking each of the bookshelves on the right.



READING WITH YOUR CHILD

Research has shown that developing the habit of reading in early childhood can significantly improve life chances – both academically but also socially. Reading can help children to understand the world around them, develop social and emotional skills, build confidence with communication, develop vocabulary and strengthen bonds with family members.

The benefits of reading as children grow can be shown in the infographic here: taken from booktrust.org.uk

The BookTrust have created a booklet - [Reading with your Child](#) - with tips and advice about reading and sharing books with your child. If you click the link you can view or download the booklet, which is available in 28 different languages.



CROWN STREET COMMUNITY

WATCH ME TEACH PHONICS – this week Miss Daniel had lots of new pupils in her class – our Year 1 parents/carers! Who were invited in to the classroom to watch Miss Daniel teach a Phonics lesson and join in with a Shared Reader session with their child. Thank you to all the parents/carers that gave up your time to engage in these sessions to support your child with their Phonics learning and develop your own understanding. A big well done to Miss Daniel too - for dealing with all the new pupils so well!



CROWN STREET COMMUNITY (continued)

MYSTERY READERS – these sessions will start next week on Wednesday 28th January at 2.45pm. Thank you to all of those who have registered their interest so far – we will be in touch to confirm dates. If you would still like to register your interest then please complete our **Mystery Reader form** and select the sessions you are available.

STAY & PLAY (PLMM & RSH) – we are holding a Stay & Play session for Pre-School and for Reception parents/carers on Wednesday 4th February from 9 – 9.30am in your child's classroom. To confirm attendance, you must complete the **Stay & Play form**, this is needed for safeguarding reasons and also to help manage children's expectations. Please note, this session will be limited to one parent per child, and we cannot accommodate any younger siblings.

ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK ...

In assembly this week we revisited our School Rules and talked about some of the good choices we can make around school before we shared the story 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers.

During the story we talked about how both the Boy and the Martian tried their best and didn't give up, even when things got a bit tricky! We also talked about how the story showed our Character Trait of **Kindness** and how each character showed this, as well as **Integrity** and **Gratitude** as the characters stayed true to their word and were grateful for the support and help they gave each other.



CHARACTER AWARDS!

This last two weeks of Character Awards have been awarded:

In PLMM these were awarded for **Kindness & Bravery**

In RSH these were awarded for **Bravery & Kindness**

In 1ND these were awarded for **Kindness** and **Curiosity**

Well done to you all!



Bravery



Citizenship



Curiosity



Gratitude



Integrity



Kindness

SPRING EYFS HOME LEARNING GRIDS

Spring Home Learning Grids for both Pre-School and Reception have been created. The activities suggested are to help your child consolidate the learning done in school and for you to use as an opportunity for your child to show you some of the things they have learnt to do. We ask that as you complete the activities over the Spring term you share responses via your child's Tapestry learning portal.

The Home Learning Grids can be found on your child's Tapestry learning portal and under the 'Useful Information' tab on the 'Year Group' pages of our website.

RETURN BORROWED CLOTHES & SPARE UNIFORM REQUEST

In School we keep some spare clothes (underwear, socks, tights, leggings, trousers) however this seems to be running low. If you have any of the school's spares at home (marked with a school sticker label) please would you kindly return them as soon as possible.

Request for spare uniform - if you have any pre-loved / too small / spare school uniform items (shorts, trousers, skirts, tights) that you no longer need and could donate to school, we would appreciate this. Please pass this onto your child's class teacher or into the Main Office. Many thanks.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 27th Jan – Prospective Pre-School Parent Tour, 9.30am

Weds 28th Jan – Mystery Reader, 2.45pm

Mon 2nd – 8th Feb – National Story Telling Week

Weds 4th Feb – Stay & Play for PLMM and RSH, 9 – 9.30am
– Mystery Reader, 2.45pm

Mon 9th – 15th Feb – Children's Mental Health Week
– PTA craft sessions in class

Tues 10th Feb – Prospective Pre-School Parent Tour, 9.30am
– Safer Internet Day

Weds 11th Feb – Mystery Reader, 2.45pm

Fri 13th Feb – School Closes for half-term break

Mon 23rd Feb – Chester Zoo Visit RSH and 1ND

For 2025-26 and 2026-27 Term Dates please [click here](#)

KIDS CLUB



Fees/Balances - All Kids Club balances need to be cleared by Friday 6th February. If you pay via Tax-Free Childcare, please ensure payment is made well in advance as there can be a delay in the monies reaching our bank account. Sessions may be placed on hold until we have received any funds. As per our Charging Policy you risk losing your place if payment is late or not paid in full.

After-School Pick-up Time - After-School club ends at 5.30pm, so please ensure you are here on time to pick up your child. Please note that there is a late collection charge should you be late collecting your child. Thank you for your cooperation.

For any Kids Club queries please use – kidsclub@crowstreetprimary.org.uk