



# Year 2 Newsletter

## Spring 1—2024/2025



### Notices and Reminders

PE days – Monday and Tuesday

If your child has long hair, can they please have it tied up on our PE day. Thank you.

After half term, Library days will be:

- Crickets on Monday
- Grasshoppers on Friday

### Key dates

**Monday 6th of January:** First day of Spring term.

**Friday 17th of January:** Inset day - School closed to all children.

**Monday 3rd of February:** Year 2 visit to Frimley Church of England (timings TBC).

**Friday 14th of February:** Last day of half term - 3.15pm pick up.

For any additional dates, please use the link below to access the most recent newsletter.

<https://www.crossfarm.kite.academy/news-and-events/newsletters/>

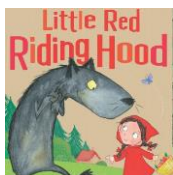
### Reading

This term, linking with last term's Victorian theme, we will finish reading A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens before moving on to another of his popular works, 'Oliver Twist', with its gripping story and rich vocabulary.



### Writing

This term, the children will focus on the texts 'Little Red Riding Hood' and will begin a letter to the wolf. In their English language lessons, the children will be learning all about different sentence types. Throughout the term, the children will continue to build their knowledge and understanding of spelling, punctuation and grammar.



### Maths

This term, the children will learn to recognise and use symbols for pounds (£) and pence (p). They will also combine and find different combinations of coins equalling the same amounts. Using this knowledge, the children will then solve simple problems in a practical context involving addition and subtraction of money, including giving change. The children will begin the multiplication and division unit by recognising equal groups.



## Science

In science, the children will be learning how to identify and classify if something is alive, was once alive or has never been alive. The children will be exploring what a habitat is, and what makes a good habitat for a variety of plants and animals. Finally, the children will investigate food chains and learn how to construct one.



## Geography

This term in geography, the children will begin to answer the question 'Why doesn't anyone live in Antarctica permanently?' The children will learn to locate Antarctica and identify its seasons and climate. They will then begin to learn the different plants and animals that can be found in Antarctica.



## Art

In art, the children will be learning about abstract painting in style of Kandinsky. We will start by learning about tints and tones then extending our knowledge of secondary colours by learning and creating tertiary colours on a colour wheel. We will then create our own concentric circle inspired art.



## PE

This term, the children will be doing gymnastics. They will be developing their skills from year 1, mastering basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching. As well as developing balance, agility and co-ordination and begin to apply these in a range of activities.



## Music

This term, the children will be learning that music has a pulse (steady beat). It is made up of long and short sounds called rhythm as well as high and low sounds known as pitch. The children will have the opportunity to learn to play either a recorder or a glockenspiel.



## PSHE

In PSHE, the children will be exploring the question: What jobs do different people have? They will be learning the reasons why people have jobs and how people choose their jobs too. They will also spend time considering which jobs they might like to do in the future.



## Homework

Please hear your child read as often as possible.

Share your library book with family and friends.

Complete the reading champion book if you are chosen.

## Suggested books for reading

*The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark*  
by Jill Tomlinson

*Barnabus Project* by the Fan Brothers  
*Willow Wildthing and the Swamp Monster*  
by Gill Lewis

