



North Crawley CE School NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 2 2025



Welcome back!

I hope you have all had a lovely half-term. It's good to see the children ready for new learning on the very popular topic of Castle Times! From developing historical understanding by explaining how castles have changed over time to historical enquiry using texts and historical sources to answer questions about the past the children will have a rich diet off all things medieval! The children will take their learning and apply it to both local castles and during a visit to Warwick Castle later in March. In key stage 1 the English texts are closely linked to Castle Times through which the skills of writing traditional tales, diaries and recounts will be taught. Science is all about animals including describing and comparing the structure of birds. No doubt this will make watching the Bird of Prey show at Warwick even more interesting. Please follow the link:

<https://www.thevillageschoolsfederation.co.uk/vsf-medium-term-planning/>

Our value this half term: **Forgiveness**



It takes a strong person to say sorry, and an even stronger person to forgive. This half-term we will be exploring the value of forgiveness, a value that requires us to work on and improve our relationships with others.

Kingston Gym Visits

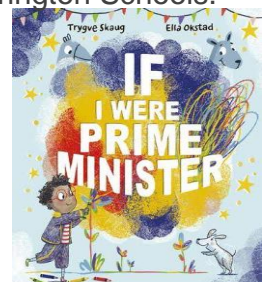
During this half-term the whole school will have three afternoon visits to Kingston Gym starting on Monday 17th March. This is such an important opportunity for the children to use state-of-the-art equipment to develop movement and skills under the close supervision of trained gymnastic coaches. Starting this week the children will be taught the small steps to build up to each skill before transferring skills to the large equipment during their visits in March. This year the children will be taught alongside Stoke Goldington and Sherington Schools.



World Book Day



Our book choice this year is....
If I Were Prime Minister.



World Book Day gives children a chance to benefit from the life-changing superpower of reading. It's all about encouraging children to read their way, to find the fun and enjoyment it brings. We've selected this great book by Trygve Skaug which invites children to imagine how they would run the country and what they would change if they were in charge. We will spend the day exploring the themes of this joyous picture book and all things reading! Please see the information letter about the day.



Warwick Castle Visit

Tuesday 25th March sees the children in years 1 and 2 join all the VSF schools to visit Warwick Castle to support their



learning and understanding of Castle Times. As well as a full tour of the castle walls and internal rooms the children will see the water mill and see and hear from the falconer as the birds of prey fly above their heads. More details to follow.

EYFS Joint Play Day



Whilst year 1 and 2 are enjoying the day at Warwick Castle, reception will be hosting friends from Sherington and Newton Blossomville for an EYFS

Joint Play Day! Children will have the opportunity to play alongside new faces and develop their social skills. The theme for the day will be SPRING with more details to follow.

Attendance

We continue our drive to improve regular school attendance. Up until the end of last half-term attendance stood at 96.3%. An improved picture on this time last year. Thank you for all you are doing to ensure your child is in school on time and ready to learn.

Clubs this half term

Clubs continue this half-term with the added bonus of our afternoons getting lighter and hopefully a little warmer!

A reminder again as to which clubs are running this half-term and their timings:



Tuesday – Lego Club 3.30-4.15pm

Wednesday – Art Club at 3.30pm – 4.15pm

Thursday – MultiSports 3.30-4.15pm

We are continuing with basketball and football at lunch time. NB Football is now on a Friday

Dates for your diary

- ✚ Monday 3rd March – Parents Meetings
- ✚ Thursday 6th March – World Book Day
- ✚ Monday 17th, 24th March and 1st April – Kingston Gym Visits
- ✚ Tuesday 25th March– Warwick Castle Trip/ EYFS Play Day
- ✚ Thurs 27th March Mothers Day Service 2-30pm
- ✚ Friday 4th April – Break-up for Easter Holidays
- ✚ Tuesday 22nd April – Start of Summer Term

A note from Mrs Wallace



I'm really quite excited about the book choice for this years WBD. We wanted a book that raised the importance of British values, the values which underpin what it is to be a citizen in modern Britain today, nurturing our communities and celebrating diversity through the values of democracy, the rule of law, respect, tolerance and individual liberty. The story covers some very important themes including education, immigration, healthcare and the environment in a child-friendly and approachable way. I wonder what rich conversations will follow from reading this story and what ideas and refreshing perspectives the children will share.

Next week as we head in to March and the promise of Spring, we also look forward to welcoming you in to school for our mid-year parents meetings. This is an important opportunity to talk about your child, how they are getting on in school and to enjoy looking at the work they have produced. We enjoy these meetings very much and we hope you find them useful as we work in partnership to give your child the best care, teaching and support.