



Drake Class Bulletin

Cranford Park CE Primary School, Cranford Park Drive, Yateley, Hampshire GU46 6XH

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Welcome to the Summer Term!

Last term we all had great fun learning about pre-historic man in our topic Hunter Gatherers. During the term we had a drama group which the children all enjoyed and we created cave paintings and pictures of Stonehenge. We also performed our class assembly which I hope you all enjoyed.

Following that we learnt about weather conditions around the world in our topic Red Sky at Night and we wrote some brilliant holiday brochures.

This Term's Topics...

This half term's topic is '**I came, I saw, I conquered**'. The main focus of the topic is history and the children are going to be learning all about how the Romans influenced Britain. We will be visiting Butser Farm on Tuesday 21st May 2019.

In ICT we will be learning about safety in ICT and learning more about emails.

In PSHE we are going to be discussing what it feels like to be in someone else's shoes and the influences that people from different cultures have. In Religious Education we are learning about the Jewish religious celebration of Shabbat.

Next half term's topic will be '**Opposites Attract**'. The main focus of the topic will be science, we will be looking at forces and magnets with the final outcome being a challenge to create a fridge magnet to a specific criteria. In P.S.H.E we will be thinking about Changes and in Religious Education we will be learning about Jewish Prayers and rituals.

What equipment will my child need?

Each child will need an art shirt or overall so that their clothes are protected during messy practical sessions.

Your child will also need their **full P.E. kit every week**. This consists of:

**A plain, white T-shirt
plain, bottle green shorts
trainers or plimsolls.**

No earrings or watches may be worn during P.E. for health and safety reasons. If your child is unable to remove their earrings by themselves, please supply some tape to cover them during these lessons.

P.E. will take place on the following days:
1st Half term: Monday and Thursday
and

After half term: Monday and Tuesday.



Homework

Your child will be set weekly English or Maths tasks as well as weekly tables and spelling. It is envisaged that the children will spend up to an hour a week on activities including learning spellings, practising multiplication tables and reading. All homework will be accompanied by a task list which we ask you to sign as a record that you have seen your child's work.

Homework will be set on a Thursday and must be completed and handed in the following Tuesday.

The library time for our class will be changing and this has not yet been decided upon. I will keep you posted when I know.

Reading

As well as reading and discussing texts during English lessons, each child will have their own reading book either from the school library or from the classroom bookshelf. There will be some time every week to review their individual reading with a teacher or Learning Support Assistant in school.



They will therefore need to have their reading book and reading record with them every day. We would be grateful if you could sign the record book each week and we welcome any comments which you feel may be useful.

To help keep books in good condition, we suggest that they are carried to and from school in a book bag. These should be named and are available to purchase from the PTA container on a Wednesday.

Remember, the children all have Bug Club accounts and can access a wide range of interesting texts on their tablets and computers at home.

Can you help us?

We are very keen to exploit all of your expertise!



Can you help hear children read?

All children love to share a reading book with an adult. Or perhaps you are a star football player or netball coach and would like to help out at one of our clubs? Whatever your skills, Cranford Park needs YOU! Please contact me or the school office if you would like to volunteer.

Please note, all adults working in our school must be DBS checked. Reception can provide you with the necessary forms.

Any parents who would like to come and listen to readers for 20 minutes are more than welcome on any mornings.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child's name is written clearly inside

everything they own – it is quite difficult to reunite children with jumpers in particular if they are unnamed.

And Finally...

Unfortunately it has been decided that children should not be allowed to use the school's outside play equipment before or after school. We hope that we can all work together so that your child has a really successful term.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Maddock
Class teacher