



Earhart Bulletin

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

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Welcome back and Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a relaxing Christmas and are ready for an exciting new term.

Autumn Term Highlights

We all enjoyed finding out about our first topic 'Your Country Needs You', where we learned about World War II. We particularly enjoyed our Evacuee Day. Another highlight was our class assembly, where the children performed fantastically! We were very proud!

We also enjoyed our residential trip to Runway's End. The children (and adults!) thoroughly enjoyed all the activities.

This Term's Topics...

The main focus for this half term's work will be history and in particular Ancient Greece. The children will learn about life in Ancient Greece, how Greece was made up of city states and how they developed democracy. They will research Greek wars and the people involved in them.

In art we will also be looking at Ancient Greek pottery and the children will create their own designs for Greek vases.

In Science this half term, the children will explore electricity. The children will create circuits and draw them using the appropriate symbols. They will also explore, compare and give reasons for variations in how components function.

For RE, we will be learning about the five pillars of Islam in the first half term and then moving onto Resurrection in the lead up to Easter.

Our first Literacy unit of work for the term will look at Greek myths and legends. As well as writing our own myth, we will also be writing a newspaper article about Theseus and the Minotaur.

In the second half of the term our topic is 'Dangerous Disasters' where the children will be learning all about earthquakes and volcanoes. In science, the topic will look at animals including humans, including the circulatory system and ways to stay healthy.

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.**

When the weather is cold, a plain black or bottle green tracksuit is recommended for Thursday's outdoor P.E. session. Pupils who wear tights to school should also remember to include a pair of socks in their P.E. kit. Please ensure that everything is clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

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:



Tuesday and Friday

For the first half of the term we will be doing Greek dancing and hockey, followed by gymnastics and cricket after half-term.



SATs Tests

This term we will continue to prepare the children for their end of Key Stage 2 tests in Maths and English. If you have any questions or worries about the tests please feel free to come and speak to us. The tests will take place on the **week beginning the 13th May.**

As my letter last week stated, there will be a year 6 SATs booster after school on a Thursday. Please see me or contact the school office if you would like your child to attend.

Homework



Thank you very much for the support with homework so far this year.

In particular this term, homework will begin to focus on revision and preparing the children for their SATs test in May. To make this easier I have set a half term long project linked to Ancient Greece that extra SATs homework can fit around.

Reading

As well as reading and discussing texts during



English lessons, each child has their own reading book either from the school library, the classroom bookshelf or one they have brought in from home. They will need to have their reading book and reading record with them everyday. We would be grateful if you could sign the record book each week and we welcome any comments which you feel may be useful. The children are expected to read regularly at home.

This term we have started a reading challenge in class, which aims to increase the amount and variety children are reading. The children may ask you to sign the record to confirm they have completed a particular challenge. If you have any questions, just ask!

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.



Uniform

Just a reminder to check that all items are still named!

We look forward to another successful term!

Yours sincerely,

Mr Grayson
Year 6 Teacher