Cropredy C of E Primary School

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Newsletter 19

Friday 7th February, 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

A note from Mr Reeves

Firstly, a huge thank you to Louise and PTFA for the organisation of another amazing disco last night. It was lovely to welcome the preschool to the event and we look forward to including them more into whole school events like this.

Another success this week has been the Stay and Learn in Maths. This is a subject which has changed significantly at the school, since my arrival so it was lovely to share with so many of you. If you were unable to attend, the overview of the video can be found here. I feel like these sessions are useful for parents to understand the way we teach at Cropredy and the differences in teaching Maths.

Next week, for children in Cygnets to Year 6 is parents evening. We look forward to welcoming you to the school and hearing about your child's progress over the last term. Please ensure that appointments are made via the Arbor portal. I will be around on the evenings too, should you wish to have a catch up with myself.

Clubs Next Week

Please note there are no staff led club next week. **Mark Andrews Football Club** will still be running as normal on Monday.

After School club resources

If you are having, or need, a clear-out, then After School club would appreciate any donations which you would be happy to see the back of. Things which would be welcomed are things such as board games, crafts, old colouring books or resources, any construction-based play, or any toy cars. If you have anything that you are willing to donate to the school, then please leave this at reception with the office team. Thank you.

Governors Update

Update from Governors, February 2025

It is just over year since Cropredy CofE Primary School joined Eynsham Academy Trust and as a governing body we've been reflecting on the great progress and positive changes we've seen in that time.

We are delighted to welcome preschool to the school community. The staff team joining bring expertise and experience that are highly valued. We are working closely together to make progress towards providing a better building for the Foundation stage classes – hopefully one that is as high quality as the teaching and learning that happens in it. A big project like this is never straightforward and will take time, but we are on the right track and we will keep parents up to date when there is a clear plan.

The governors have had a major focus on SEND provision at school, which was noted by OFSTED as needing improvement. With support from the trust we can see progress in this area and will continue to monitor and offer support to ensure every child is nurtured to achieve their full potential.

Improving the quality and consistency of teaching and learning is another key focus and many interventions have been put in place to support this and to record progress so governors and the Trust can feel confident that the plan is working. Evidence shows we are rapidly moving in the right direction.

We wish all the best to staff who have moved on and extend a warm welcome to our new staff, Mrs Kempson, Ms. Hampson and the incoming Miss Nolan. We also congratulate Miss. Godsell on being appointed Assistant Headteacher and we are pleased that there is now a Senior Leadership Team in place to drive forward and sustain improvements alongside Mr. Reeves.

Other highlights are numerous but include the Stay and Learn sessions, the popular Mandarin lessons, folk music lessons and the prospect of some pupils going on stage at Fairport this summer, the return of Bikeability for the older students, new curriculum plans, more trips, church services and plans for some improvements to the school site. Behind the scenes we have also made significant improvements in Safeguarding and in supporting attendance, both critical to helping our pupils thrive.

All of this has been achieved, we feel, while retaining what is unique and special about Cropredy C of E and while strengthening ties with church and community. A huge thank you to Mr. Reeves and the entire staff team for their hard work and commitment. And a big well done to the children too! We look forward to building on the progress to date and reporting back to you later in the year.

School Certificates

Well Done to the following children who have received certificates in assembly today.

Headteachers Award
All of Cygnets
Bella Y3
Ella Y4

Reading Award
Aria Y3
Toby Y4
Jasper Y4
Noah Y4

Writing Award
Savannah Y1
Isaura Y1
Oriarna Y2
Rafferty Y3
Reuben Y4
Liliana Y4
Wilbur Y4
Olithia Y4

Maths Award
Delilah Y1
Layla-Mae Y1
Farris Y2

House Points Certificates

Silver
Aria Y3
George W Y2
Holly Cygnets
Freddie Cygnets
Rudy Cygnets
Rupert Cygnets

Gold
Thea Y1
Delilah Y1

Platinum
Rafa Y3
Poesy Y3

House Points

Chestnut	Oak	Sycamore	Willow
464	508	591	518

Next Week In School

Don't forget to order your child's Hot Dinners through ParentPay if you haven't already done so.

Monday	• Some Y5 children to help at Luncheon Club Clubs: Mark Andrews Football
Tuesday	
Wednesday	• Parents Evening
Thursday	• Parents Evening
Friday	• Pink and Red Non-Uniform Day – Bring an Easter or Chocolate theme donation • Final Day of Spring Term 1

PE days

Cygnets	Forest School – Wednesday PE – Wednesday
Year 1	PE Session 1 – Tuesday PE Session 2 – Friday
Year 2	PE Session 1 – Tuesday PE Session 2 – Thursday
Year 3	PE– Friday Forest School – Wednesday
Year 4	PE– Monday Forest School – Wednesday
Year 5	PE – Wednesday Swimming – Thursday
Year 6	PE Session 1 – Wednesday PE Session 2 – Thursday

Upcoming Sports Events

Our children are very lucky to have the opportunity to join in with after school sports events at Chenderit School. Many thanks to Mrs King for helping to facilitate this. Please find below a list of events that children in the relevant year groups are welcome to attend. Please let the office know if your child is going to attend any of the events.

- KS2 Basketball – **Thurs 27th Feb, 3.45pm arrival, 5.30pm finish.**
- KS2 Netball – **Thurs 6th Mar, 3.45pm arrival, 5.30pm finish.**
- KS2 Hockey – **Thurs 27th Mar, 3.45-5pm @ NOA astro (TBC), Banbury.**
- KS1 Sports Hall Athletics – training session only, **Thurs 3rd Apr, 3.45-5pm.**

Upcoming Dates For Your Diary

Monday 24th February: Term 2 (2nd half) begins
Thursday 6th March: World Book Day
Wednesday 26th March: Year 4 Showcase – 2:30pm
Thursday 3rd April: Open afternoon
Friday 4th April: Easter service
Friday 4th April: End of Spring Term (Finish at 1:15pm) **NO WRAPAROUND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ON THIS DAY**

Our Week Of Learning

This week Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5 are sharing their learning.

Year 1

We have had another fantastic few weeks in Year 1! In English, we have been busy writing a letter to Winter, the character from our key text. We have been working hard to include adjectives, exclamation marks and words with the un- prefix. We have thought carefully about different adjectives that we could use to describe the winter season and to describe our character's feelings. In Maths, we have been looking at our number bonds to 20 by building on our knowledge of number bonds to 10. We have enjoyed using counters and ten frames to explore the number bonds to 20. In Humanities, we loved learning about the compass directions. We went onto the playground with compasses so that we could find North. We were able to find North which meant we knew the direction of South, East and West. We felt like real explorers! In Music, we have been listening to a song each week which has been performed in a different musical style. We have listened to genres such as Latin, Folk and Blues and have enjoyed hearing different styles of music. We especially loved the Folk music! We have considered which instruments we could hear in each and completed activities to keep in time with the pulse of the music.

Year 2

In English we've been working on writing instructions. When reading "Lost and Found" the children were surprised how unprepared The Boy was for his journey to the South Pole! To help him, they've used all their knowledge of instruction writing to let him know how to get ready for his journey. It's been fantastic to see the children continuing to develop their use of interesting vocabulary and ensuring they are including the key features of the text in their own writing.

In Maths we've had an exciting week introducing the multiplication sign. Year 2 have really impressed us with their understanding of multiplication. We've been speaking about how useful it is to know your times tables – how many areas of Maths we use them for – and a reminder to keep using NumBots to support them at home.

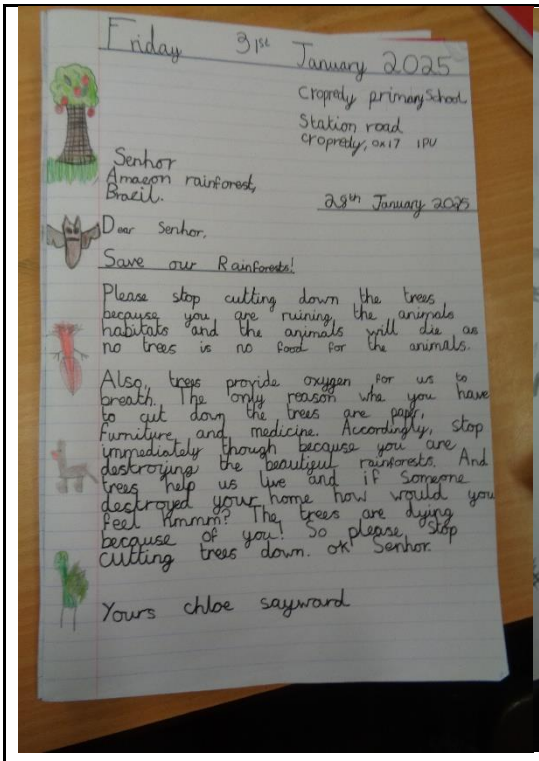
In Science we've been thinking about what animals, including humans, need for survival. The children produced some fantastic information leaflets to explain how to look after their chosen animal. They showed a great understanding of the things that are essential for survival and those that are just nice to have.

In Humanities we've been digging deeper into our Great Explorers topic. This week we've been finding out about Christopher Columbus and what he did that made him such a significant person in history.

In PE we've been working on our skipping skills as part of our Fitness unit. This is a skill many of the children have found challenging and we've been so impressed by the determination and resilience they've shown in our lessons.

Year 3

Year 3 have finished our persuasive letters (see below) and have now been researching a rainforest animal and writing a compelling piece using direct speech to explain how deforestation will effect their particular animal. We will then move on to write a Kenning poem about their choice of animal. In Maths, we have moved on to using the written 'grid method' to multiply 2-digit by 1-digit numbers. In humanities, we have looked at the animals and plants on the rainforest and researched which of the four areas they live and grow in. In Science, we have had great fun sticking together our skeletons in our book and then researching and labelling the different bones in our bodies. In Art, we have been very lucky to have Mr Watt teach us about adding shade and texture and then adding some fine detail to our botanical drawings.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Senhor
Amazon rainforest,
Brazil.

28th January 2025

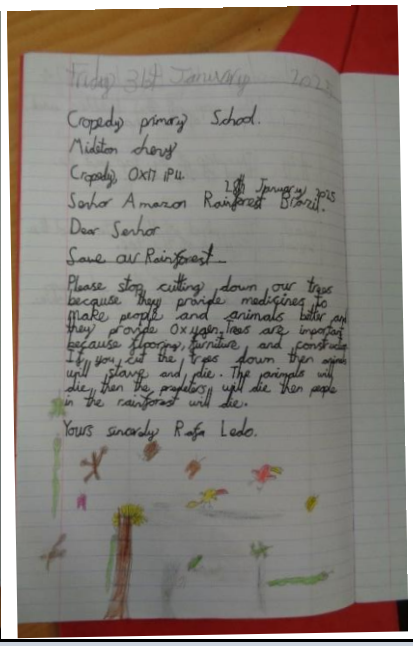
Dear Senhor,

Save our Rainforests!

Please stop cutting down the trees because you are ruining the animals habitats and the animals will die as no trees is no food for the animals.

Also, trees provide oxygen for us to breath. The only reason why you have to cut down the trees are paper, furniture and medicine. Accordingly, stop immediately though because you are destroying the beautiful rainforests. And trees help us live and if someone destroyed your home how would you feel Hmmm? The trees are dying because of you! So please, stop cutting trees down. ok? Senhor.

Yours chloe sayward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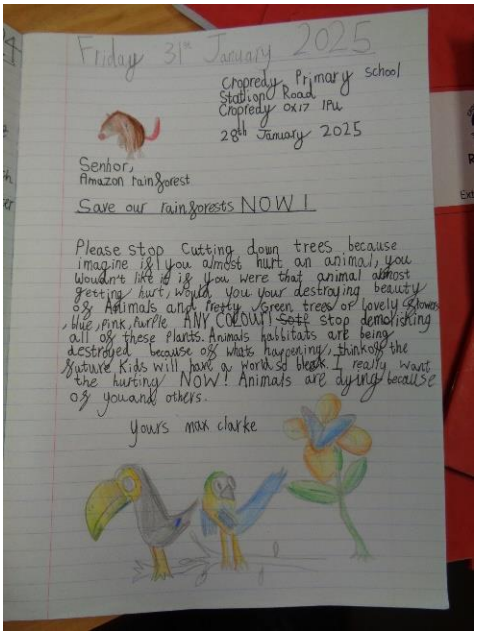
Senhor Amazon Rainforest Brazil.
Dear Senhor
Save our Rainforest
Please stop cutting down our trees because they provide medicines to make people and animals better as they provide Oxygen trees are important because flooring, furniture and construction If you cut the trees down then animals will starve and die. The animals will die, then the predators will die then people in the rainforest will die.
Yours sincerely Rafa Ledo.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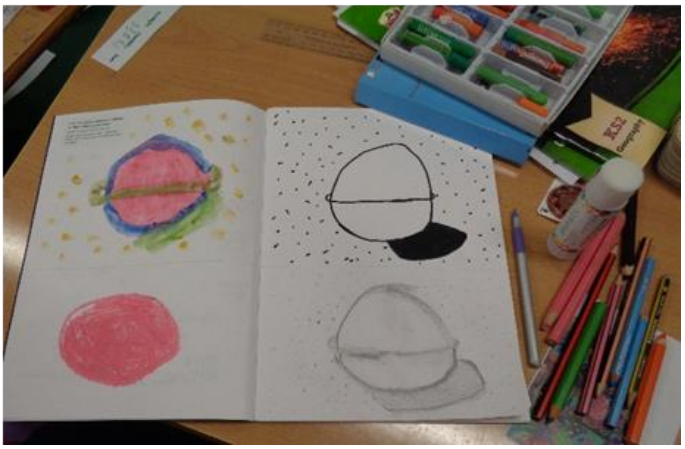
Senhor,
Amazon rainforest
Save our rainforests NOW!
Please stop cutting down trees because imagine if you almost hurt an animal, you wouldn't like it if you were that animal almost getting hurt, would you your destroying beauty of Animals and pretty green trees or lovely flowers, blue, pink, purple ANY COLOUR! Sotp stop demolishing all of these plants. Animals habitats are being destroyed because of whats happening, think of the future Kids will have a world so bleak I really want the hurting NOW! Animals are dying because of you and others.
yours max clarke

Year 5

We are now fully emerged in our topic of EARTH and have moved on from Earthquakes to Volcanoes. This week we have been finding out how volcanoes are formed and all their interior parts. We have been investigating the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in Pompeii during the Roman Period of history: studying a timeline of the event and discussing how it affected people at the time as well as how the uncovering of the artifacts years later gave us a great insight into Roman Life. This research will go on to inform our English work for the rest of the term, as we go on to write poems about volcanoes. In Science we've been studying the phases of the moon and why the moon appears to look different at various times throughout the month. In Art we have been exploring decision making in the creative process as we reproduce images of planets using a range of mark making techniques. The children are enjoying Hockey as they brave the cold weather to hone their passing and control skills.



PTFA Updates

VALENTINES NON-UNIFORM DAY!

FRIDAY 14th FEBRUARY

Wear pink & red!

Please bring in donations for our Easter Tombola later in the term! Any Easter chocolate, eggs or items!

Yours sincerely,
Cropredy School SLT