



# Creswell C of E Infant and Nursery School

## Curriculum Letter

Term: Autumn

Year: 2

This Term our Learning Journey is:  
**Harry Potter**



**Welcome** to the first of our curriculum letters! We aim to share the children's learning with you so that you are able to discuss and support their learning at home.

This term our learning will be based upon Harry Potter. We aim to update the website with snippets from the children's learning journey and include their interests and ideas in the way that we deliver the curriculum - Please take a look to see how they develop throughout the term!

### English

As **Readers**, we will continue to read 'real' and 'alien' words in phonics by recognising the sounds that different letters make and we will investigate the various different spelling patterns that produce those sounds. We will develop our reading skills through phonics, guided reading sessions and whole-class reading of a book. We will explore a range of books including non-fiction, story and poetry books. Our featured author this term will be Julia Donaldson and the children will have the opportunity to read and compare a variety of stories by this author.

As **writers**, we are going to be writing diary entries, letters, character descriptions and narratives based on Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. We will be learning to join our handwriting.

### Mathematics

As Mathematicians, we will continue counting forwards and backwards within 100 and develop writing these numbers in numerals and words. We will also be adding and subtracting within 100. We will be learning to identify properties of 2D and 3D shapes. We will also be learning times tables; 2x, 3x, 5x and 10x.

### History

As Historians, we will celebrate Remembrance and Christmas.

### Geography

As Geographers, we will use aerial photos and maps to explore the local area. We will use simple directional language to explain where significant locations are and will look at geographical features of the land..

### Science

As Scientists, we will investigate the suitability of a range of materials for creating objects. We will observe and describe the changes to materials when squashed, pulled, etc. We will also carry out scientific enquiries to help us to answer questions that we have.

### Art and Design

As Artists and Designers, we will use drawing, painting, clay and create sculptures to develop and share our ideas, experiences and imagination based on Harry Potter.

### Computing

As Technologists, we will learn to create and debug simple programs using a Turtle programme. We will also be learning about internet safety.

## **RE**

We will take part in discussions about what we can learn about creation and inspirational people. We will also explore special celebrations: Remembrance, Harvest festival, Diwali and Christmas.

## **PE**

In PE, we will be learning the fundamentals of movement - core stability and agility. We will also be learning how to stay fit and healthy.

In Year 2 our PE day is **Monday and Tuesday/Thursday**. We also run a **daily mile** to help to keep us fit so could you please ensure that your child has appropriate footwear. Could I also remind you that hair must be tied back and that earrings must be removed or covered with plasters from home for PE.

## **PSHCE**

In PSHCE we will be learning about feelings and relationships. We will be exploring themes from 'Have you filled a bucket today - A guide to daily happiness for kids.' We will also be learning how to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

## **Routines**

Doors open: 8:40am and close again at 8:50am. When your child arrives there will be a morning challenge set and they can change their reading book. If your child arrives after 8:50, please take them to the office to be registered.

Lunch choices are made at the beginning of each half term.

The day ends at 3:00pm. Please ensure that your child's class teacher is informed of anyone, other than you as parents / carers, will be collecting your child.

## **How to support learning at home:**

**Reading** - By reading at home on a regular basis, in addition to daily reading at school, your child will develop confidence and fluency in reading. We would like to recognise their reading at home with our reward scheme. When they have read please sign or initial your child's reading record. Reading records will be collected in each Monday and stars awarded when a child has read 3 or more times in a week. If they read 3 or more times every week this term they will receive the Bronze reading certificate.

**Maths** - You can help your child by regular practise of times tables. Also by discussing day to day maths such as when shopping, cooking or telling the time you will help them to become confident and fluent mathematicians.

**Spelling** - Your child will be given weekly spellings to practise ready for the spelling 'challenge'. Encouraging your child to practise these will develop their writing skills and confidence.