



Friday 4th October
2024

The **CRANLEIGH CHRONICLE**

CURRICULUM EDITION

MESSAGES

Welcome to the first curriculum newsletter of this academic year. This version focuses on English.

Last year, we introduced the *Little Wandle* phonics programme. This is providing excellent support for our pupils who are learning to read.

This year, we have introduced *Talk for Writing* to teach writing across the school. Read on for further information!

Literacy skills are the gateway to accessing all other areas of the curriculum. This starts with reading. Please ensure you are reading with your child every day.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Miss West and Miss Meade
Co-English Leads**

Dates for your diary

Year 5 & Year 6 Residential to CYE

7th to 10th October

Cranleigh Arts Centre into school

Monday 14th October

**The Secret Garden Theatre Production
performance and Year 6 theatrical
workshop**

Tuesday 15th October

**9-10am: Open morning for
prospective parents**

Wednesday 16th October

3:30-6pm: Parents' Evening meetings

Tuesday 22nd October

3:30-6pm: Parents' Evening meetings

Wed 23rd October

**End of term disco during the school
day**

Thursday 24th October

LAST DAY OF TERM

Thursday 24th October

All calendar dates can be found on
our [website!](#)



**Cranleigh C of E
Primary**



Read with our children!

Would you like to give something back to our school community?

Do you have a little time to spare?

If so, have you thought of becoming a reading volunteer at our school?

No commitment needed: just do whatever you can whenever it suits.

For more information, please email English co-Leads Miss West and Miss Meade on info@cranleighprimary.co.uk.





PHONICS

Phonics is a method of learning to read and write by breaking words into sounds and blending them back together. Watch this [short video](#) to find out more!

At our school, we use Little Wandle to help your children learn phonics. You can find out more about Little Wandle [HERE](#). The resources on this page will help you support your child with saying their sounds and writing their letters. There are also some useful videos so you can see how they are taught at school and feel confident about supporting their reading at home.

TOP TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD AT HOME

- 1) Build reading into your child's daily routine - Find a regular time for reading in your child's day. This can be any time of day. Some children enjoy reading before bed, but others prefer in the morning after breakfast, when they have more energy. You could encourage your child to track their reading using a weekly reading chart. This will help them celebrate their progress.
- 2) Take breaks while reading - Your child doesn't have to read an entire book in one go! Any time spent sharing or talking about a book is beneficial, even if it's just a couple of minutes at a time.
- 3) Encourage your child to be the author - Build writing and drawing into your routine at home by helping your child tell a story. You can model this by telling them stories. Children love to hear stories about your childhood or other experiences, and it gives them inspiration for telling their own stories.
- 4) Have a chat - Research shows that children who engage regularly in conversational turn-taking with an adult learn faster when they're older. Taking every opportunity to chat with your child will help them build the language and vocabulary skills they need for school. Let your child pick the topic they want to talk about, listen to them, ask questions and share your ideas.

English at Cranleigh

WRITING

This year, we have started using **Talk for Writing** to help your children to learn how to write.

We start by learning a story or poem off by heart. Then, we have a go at writing our own version.

Some of your children may now be able to recite for you “Ten things in a wizard’s pocket”. We have enjoyed reading the children’s versions of this poem and were very surprised at the 10 things some children thought were in a teacher’s desk! Although, we think we could do with the never-ending cup of coffee they thought every teacher kept stashed away!



What We're Reading!

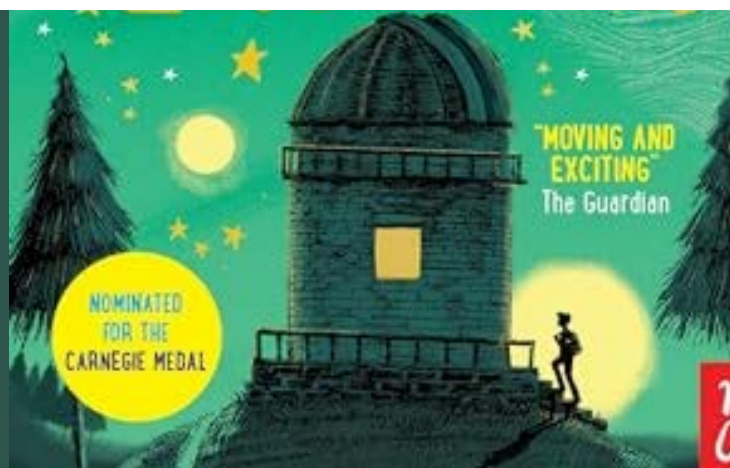


THE OWL WHO WAS AFRAID OF THE DARK

Year 2 are reading Jill Tomlinson's delightful tale of Plop, the baby barn owl.

THE JAMIE DRAKE EQUATION

Year 5 are enjoying reading The Jamie Drake Equation during their daily story time session.



POPPY, WALDO AND THE GIANT

Year 3 are reading this Talk for Writing text as part of their Writing lessons.



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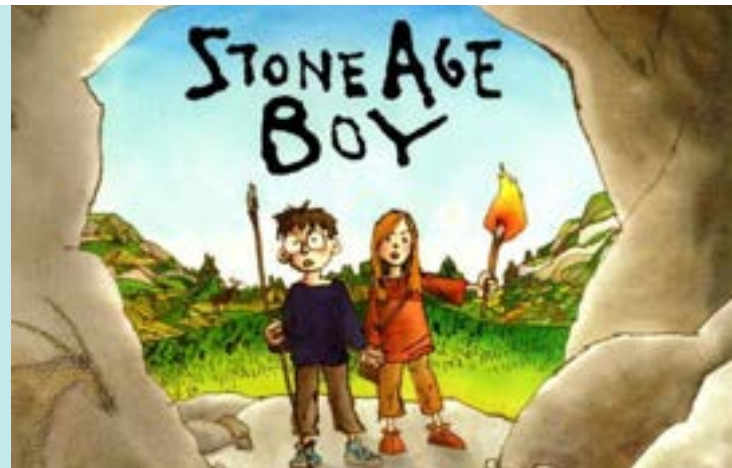


WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT

Reception are reading Michael Rosen's classic story.

STONE AGE BOY

Year 3 are reading an adapted text based on Satoshi Kitamura's Stone Age Boy.



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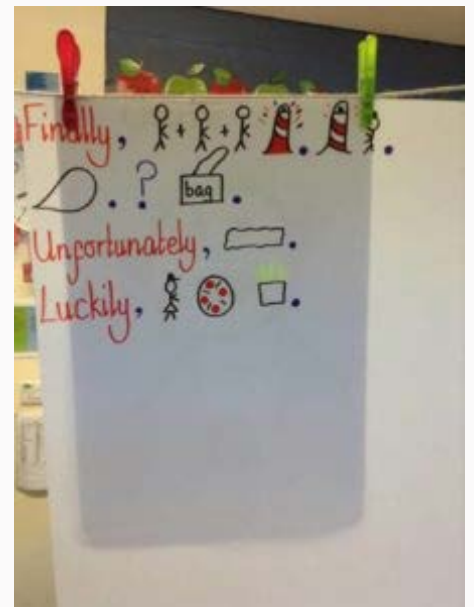
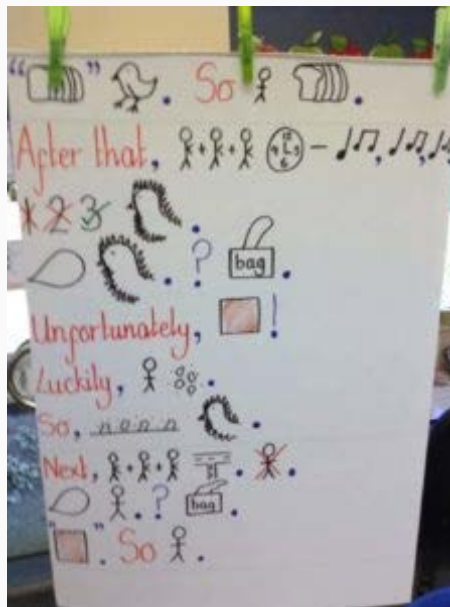
Year 6 are reading M. G. Leonard's story about a thrilling train journey during their whole class story time!



What We're Reading!

LITTLE FRED AND THE LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER

Year 1 are retelling this story, adapted from 'Little Charlie and the Lighthouse Keeper', as part of their Talk for Writing lessons.

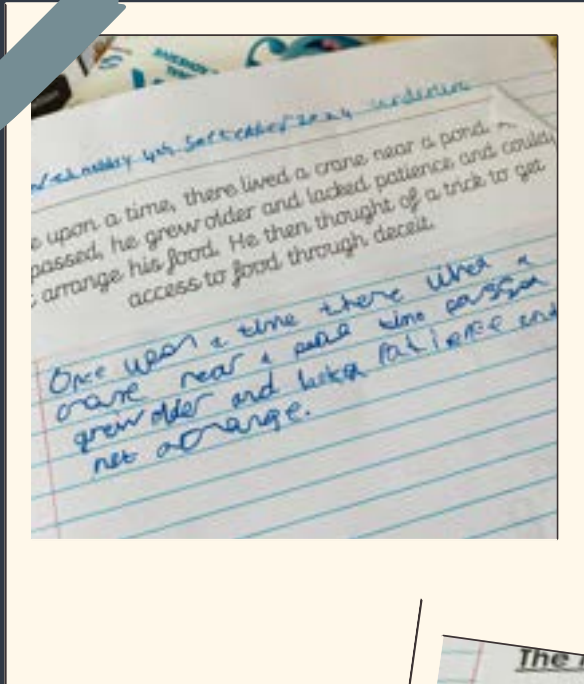


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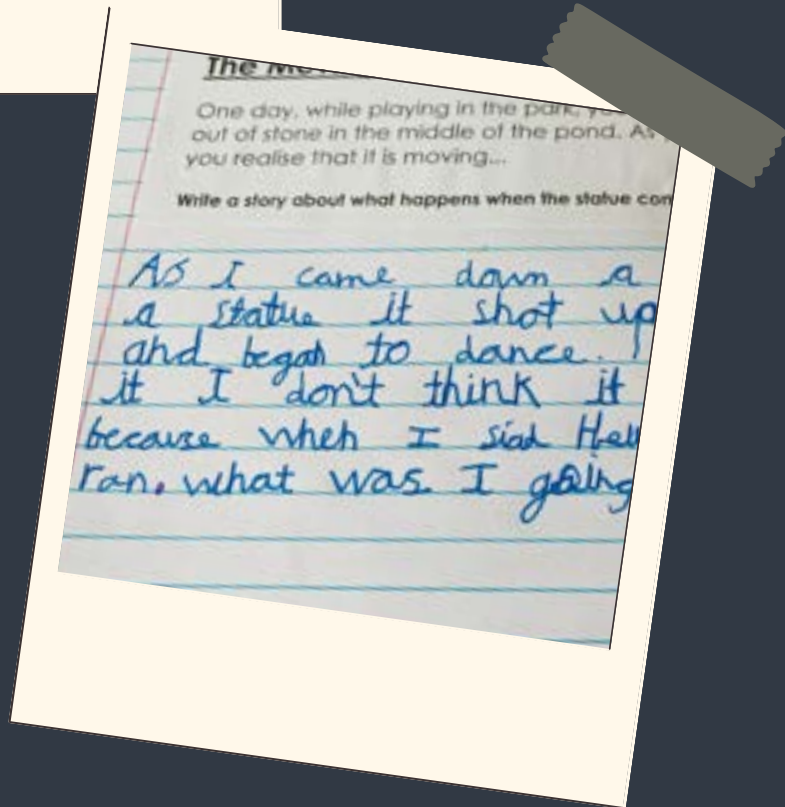


HANDWRITING

Our children have been working hard on improving their handwriting skills.



Just look at the progress one of our pupils has made in 3 weeks!

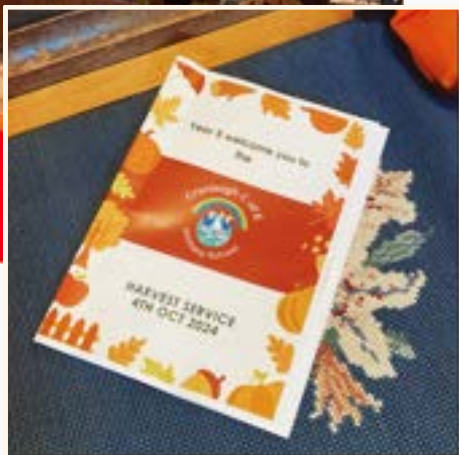




Faith

Year 5 Harvest Service

Thank you to all parents/carers who were able to attend Year 5's Harvest Service at St. Nicolas Church. The children gave thanks for the food they eat and the opportunities they have.





Cranleigh Food Bank



This week at Cranleigh

Thank you to everyone who has been able to donate items for the Cranleigh Food Bank. You've been incredibly generous.





This week at Cranleigh

Our children had a wonderful time at this week's after school Art Club! They explored natural materials to make animals of their choice.





THIS WEEK AT CRANLEIGH

NFU Education's Harvest Carnival brought the excitement of British farming into classrooms across the country this week, including ours, with more than 98,000 children tuning in to the interactive live lesson. The event celebrated the rich diversity of UK agriculture, connecting students with the journey of food from farm to plate.





THIS WEEK AT CRANLEIGH

Amelia in Year 6 has set up a lunchtime skipping club! She collected names of children who wanted to attend, organised groups and recruited friends to help run it. The children had a blast, and we are very proud of everyone involved!



Welcome to
Dan the Skipping Man®



DAN THE SKIPPING MAN

We've received a lot of support from DTSM to teach all our children to skip.

They have now created their own YouTube channel with lots of videos to help children outside of school.

Check the videos out [HERE!](#)





Hot Chocolate Party!



Year 5 pupils joined Mrs Pelazza for a hot chocolate and marshmallow party today as a 'well done' for always trying their very best in everything they do!



Congratulations!

House Points

Pioneers

977

Explorers

975

Discoverers

974

Adventurers

982

CLASS	STAR OF THE WEEK	HEADTEACHER'S AWARD	House point winners
Robins	Florence	Peggy	Allana, Peggy, Joseph
Sparrows	Logan	xavier	Shay, Matilda, Logan
Owls	Alfie	Storm	Clara, Reuben, Anam
Swans	Leanne	Trinity	Adam, Fynley, Amelia
Kingfishers	Scarlett	Layla	Jasper, Mary, Phoebe
Herons	Lilou	Klaudija	Thalia, Chloe, Jayce
Cranes	Faith	Seb	Naz, Alex, Faith

Weekly Attendance Winners

YEAR 2

YEAR 3

YEAR 6





Safeguarding Contacts

If you have any concerns regarding a child, please ask to speak to one of our safeguarding team below straight away:

K. Pelazza: Headteacher / Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

J. Mills: SENDCo / Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)

K. Meade: Assistant SENDCo / Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)

T. Church: Thrive Practitioner / Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)

The Good Shepherd Trust [contacts](#)

*Thank you to everyone
who attended one of our
open days this week.*



*Welcome to
Cranleigh C of E
Primary School*



*Our final open morning is
taking place on 16th
October.*

Community
Notices



NATIVITY FESTIVAL

2024

Get your craft on for Christmas!

Entries for the Nativity Festival are now open

Displays can be traditional, or your own interpretation of the nativity scene!

Any material - recyclable, plastic, wood, embroidery, fabric, cardboard, lego, metal and more!



Go big or go small, it's up to you! It just has to fit through our church door!

For more information or to enter, scan the QR code or contact 01483 273620 nicolaestnicolascranleigh.org.uk



LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOPS

The Bandroom, Village Way, GU6 8AF

DATES & TIMES:

SUNDAY, 27TH OCTOBER 2024
18:00 - 21:00

MONDAY, 28TH OCTOBER 2024
10:00 - 13:00
14:00 - 17:00



Sponsored by  Organised by 



Fri 29th Nov:
Christmas Cafe
at St. Nicolas
Church!

Community Notices

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Next Thing

OCTOBER HALF TERM TECH CAMP

IN MULTIPLE LOCATIONS ACROSS THE UK
28TH OCT - 1ST NOV

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AGES 5-11 | £45 PER DAY
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OCTOBER HALF TERM What's on?

MINECRAFT ENGINEERING **PROGRAM ROBOTS** **SPOOKY FILM MAKING** **LEGO ENGINEERING** **3D CREATIONS**

Different activity theme each day, please check website for your camp activities.

28TH OCT - 1ST NOV LIMITED SPACES

Check out what parents are saying...
"The kids absolutely loved the camp. They could not stop talking about what they did and how much fun they had and begged to go back. Great tech camp!"

★★★★★

SPECIAL OFFER
BOOK 5 DAYS FOR ONLY £175 😱

What to bring to camp

- Packed Lunch and Snacks (not easy)
- Water Bottle
- Medication if Required
- Halloween Costume (Friday Optional)

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