



# Crystal Class News

12<sup>th</sup> May 2017

## **Things to note:**

I would just like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Kirby for all her help during our DT day. This was a very challenging day and reinforcements from Mr Kirby and Mrs Joyner were also called in. We are still continuing with these projects and hope to finish them next week if they aren't finished today.

## **What we have been learning:**

English: The children have been writing their own information texts based on the Iron Man story. With the help of a WAGOLL, the children have been applying their previous learning to ensure excellent writing. The children are already very proud of what they have written and we are aiming to finish these today, ready to start our narrative writing next week.

Maths: As well as learning the properties of 3D shapes, we have also been looking at problem solving, understanding how to apply all of our learning to different problem solving situations. This will be a huge focus for us between now and the end of the year and children's personalised home-learning will be based on this.

The children have been introduced to the new projects through 'how can we make a difference?' and have already set themselves targets. We also enjoyed our Wow day on Thursday when the children learnt about various disabilities, experienced how hard life can be with these disabilities and how we (as able bodied people) can support them.

Project 1: How can we make the school a beautiful place?

The children have started their DT projects, using different tools, materials and skills in order to build our bird boxes and bug hotels. The children have loved this project but our progression with the building is slow, although we hope to get these finished next week at the latest.

## **Next Week:**

English: We will be comparing simple and compound sentences to complex sentences and we will also plan our stories based on the Iron Man.

Maths: We will continue to problem solve in various ways but we will also have a specific focus on measurement.

Theme: Once our DT projects are complete, we will progress to our second project. This is a Science-based project, focusing on how to keep plants healthy.