



# Reception Class Newsletter

## September 2018

Welcome to The Croft Primary School and to the Reception class. My name is Mrs. Daniel and I am the Reception class teacher. Our Reception Teaching Assistant is Mrs. Davis. The Reception children have made a wonderful start to the year, with many of them already able to come into school by themselves. To take full advantage of this, we ask that by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September, you encourage your child to come into school independently, bringing in their own bag and lunch box and putting them away by themselves. This will allow all of the children to have a calm start to their first full day in school. It is really important that we work together with you, to support your child's journey through learning and this newsletter should give you an idea of the areas that we are covering this term, so that you can continue to support your child at home.

### **Topic**

Our topic this half term is 'Why Am I So Special?' We shall be exploring who we are, our families, friends, favourite things, homes, birthdays, feelings and what it was like to be a baby. We will be reading a range of stories about babies, families and children including 'Hue Boy', 'Peepo', 'Peace At Last', 'Mr. Large In Charge' and 'Five Minutes Peace'. We will also be looking at superheroes, what makes them special and how we can be 'super learners'. Through a range of resources, activities and classroom/outside areas the children will have the opportunity to develop their imagination and language skills, whilst playing together.

### **Junk Models**

The children will be very creative this year and will be doing lots of painting, sticking etc. We would like the children to make some models from junk materials. If you have any small empty cardboard boxes, cereal boxes, wrapping paper or kitchen roll tubes these would be greatly appreciated. (Please do not send egg boxes, toilet roll tubes or boxes that have contained medicines)

### **Communication, Language and Literacy**

Over the first few weeks we will be introducing the children to Letters and Sounds, developing the children's awareness and recognition of the sounds that letters make. These early steps in developing their reading and writing are really important, so there will be an opportunity for you to learn more about this through a workshop which be held later this month.

### **Reading Books**

Your child will be given a book from our reading scheme in the next few weeks. Some of these early reading books are picture books for you to share with your child. Please read the stories to your child, encouraging them to predict what might happen next, how the characters feel and retell the story themselves. Their reading book will be accompanied by a reading record book for you to write comments in about how they have got on with their reading at home each time you read with your child.

### **Mathematical Development**

This term we will be focusing on numbers to 10, one more/less, ordering numbers, recognising numerals, simple addition and subtraction and introducing some measuring techniques.

We will be enjoying lots of fun activities to help develop the children's mathematical skills, including singing number songs and rhymes, counting fingers, candles, looking at daily routines, measuring our height and comparing it with our classmates.

### **P.E**

The Reception class will be taking part in P.E sessions every Monday and alternate Wednesdays and Fridays. We encourage the children to leave their P.E bags in school to ensure that they have them on P.E days. For safety reasons, if your child wears earrings, please remove them on P.E days. Please ensure that all your child's kit and school uniform is clearly named so that we are able to identify and return any lost items.

### **Snack**

The Reception children have a snack every morning and afternoon. There is a slice of toast and drink of milk each morning and a piece of fruit each afternoon. We ask parents for £1 each week to contribute towards the cost of snack. Please can you put the money in a named envelope and give it to Mrs. Davis or myself each Monday.

Each child has been given a named water bottle and we ask you to send your child with a water bottle everyday. It is very important that the children have the opportunity to drink water throughout the day as this benefits their development and learning. We ask for water and not juice/squash in their bottles as water is the healthy option and we don't have any sticky spillages.

### **Library**

The children will be bringing a book that they have chosen from our class library each Friday. Reading stories to children is one of the most important ways in which you can support and encourage your child on their journey into reading. Please share the books together, encouraging your child to look at the pictures, anticipate what might happen next and discuss what they like/dislike about the book they have chosen. The children will be able to change their library book each week, so please ensure that they have their book in their bag on a Friday.

### **Home Links**

Each child has a red home/school diary, so that you can let us know if someone different is collecting your child, if they have some news to share or if you have a concern. However if you need to talk to me in person, then you are most welcome to come and see me before or after school.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs. Daniel

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