



Class 2's Newsletter - Summer 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! I hope that you have all had a lovely Easter break. I hope that you find this newsletter helpful and informative about what we shall be covering during our final term.

Topic

This term our new topic is 'On the Coast!' and I know that the children are already looking forward to finding out what we will be doing. We shall be exploring the coast including the creatures that live there, the features that make up the coast, the history of the coast and developing our understanding of the oceans and continents around the world. We shall also be comparing the seaside today to how it was in the past. The children are already coming up with their own ideas and questions for what they would like to find out about. Therefore, there will also be the opportunity for the children to develop their own ideas and interests within the topic.

If you have any interesting information, books or seaside items that we could borrow that would help us learn more about our topic then please send them into school with your child.

Also, could you please send your child to school with a photograph of them at the seaside preferably on the beach if you have one? We shall be using these to compare our holidays to those in the past. We will be continuing to have Rock-It music sessions on a Thursday morning where the children are becoming proficient on a range of instruments including the keyboard, glockenspiel, steel pans and the drums. In French we will be exploring the topic of 'Icecream' as part of our new 'Language Angels' scheme and during these lessons they will learn how to name and recognise 10 different flavours for icecreams, ask for an icecream using 'je voudrais' and say what flavour they would like. In RE we will be looking at sacred writings, such as the Bible and we will also be thinking about how we can show kindness. In PSHE lessons we will be looking at what makes us all different and how to keep safe, in school and out of school e.g. near water, railways and roads.

Literacy

The children really enjoyed our 'Write Stuff' books last term and we have really noticed a difference in their use of grammar and vocabulary. We will start this term with poetry where we will be writing our own poem inspired by 'If I was in Charge of the World' by Judith Viorst. Then we will move onto 'Little Red Reading Hood' by Lucy Rowland, which is a clever twist on the traditional tale. The children will use the first part of the book as a stimulus for writing their own ending. After half term we will be reading 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Drew Darwell, which will help the children to write a persuasive letter. To round off the term, we will be exploring different non-fiction texts about pirates and will be writing a fact file about them. During all of these writing sessions, the children will continue to develop their writing skills focusing on the vocabulary, grammar and punctuation that they will use. They will also spend time editing and improving their work. We will continue to help the children to be accurate spellers, focusing on suffixes, such as -ment, ly, -est and tion. We are continuing to have daily phonics sessions using a new interactive scheme called 'Animaphonics' which the children are really enjoying and those children who have any gaps in their phonic knowledge will take part in focused intervention sessions giving them the opportunity to revise these skills. We will continue to send the children home some spellings and will test the children on their spellings every week. After much practise, the children are being encouraged to use their joined handwriting in all lessons when writing so please encourage them to do so when completing homework or when writing at home. At the end of each day we spend time reading a class book for pleasure. Our text for this term is a 'Nim's Island' by Wendy Orr. It is an adventure fantasy about Nim who lives on a beautiful island in the wide blue sea with her father, Jack.

Numeracy

In our Numeracy lessons we will be going over some addition, subtraction, multiplication and division skills as well as practising how to spell numbers in words. We will also be measuring capacity, length, weight and temperature using standard measurements of millilitres, litres, centimetres, metres, grams, kilograms and Celsius. The children will also will be learning how to describe position and direction. This will cover coordinates and compass directions. The children will also get chance to practise their time telling skills in 5-minute intervals and will use this to solve simple problems involving calculating lengths of time.

Science

This term the children will be learning about plants and habitats. They will learn some names of plants and animals living in their local area. Also naming and explaining the job of parts of a plant and explore where different animals live. During our work on plants and animals we will be visiting our wildlife area and investigating what habitats different animals and plants choose to live in and considering reasons why. We will also link this to our topic and learn about the different habitats, plants and animals we find at the coast and how they have adapted to suit their homes.

PE

As before half term the children will need to come to school in their PE kit. Our PE sessions are on a Wednesday and Friday afternoon. In sunny weather, shorts and t-shirt will be appropriate but please ensure that the children have a named school jumper with them in case it does become cooler. If they are wearing shorts and a t-shirt please make sure that the shorts are navy or black and that the t-shirt is white. If the children have earrings, they will need to be able to remove them on their own or they should not wear earrings on a Wednesday or Friday.

Homework and Reading

Each Friday the children will be given a piece of Numeracy or Literacy homework which is due in on a Tuesday. Please support your child and encourage them to complete their homework, as it is good preparation for Key Stage 2. If for any reason you and your child can not complete the homework then do not hesitate to email me. Please encourage them to bring their reading books in every day as they will have time to read independently during registration time. It also would be really helpful if you could try and read with your child several times a week as the books are getting longer and sometimes they do need to re-read to themensure that they understand what is happening in the story and don't forget to add a comment so we know how they are getting on.

Reminder

I ask that each day your child continues to bring a fresh bottle of water to keep in the class to drink throughout the day. The children can bring a snack into school for morning break or they can have toast which is 20p a day but we do request that the children pay for this each half term. The amount for this half term is £4.80 The children receive free fruit in the afternoon.

Don't forget on Wednesday 27th April between 4 and 5pm we are having an Open Evening in school so that you can come and have a look at your child's books. And on Thursday 28th April at 4pm there is a meeting in Class 2 about the upcoming End of Key Stage 1 assessments.

If you have any questions or queries which the newsletter does not answer, then please do not hesitate to email me at staff31@croft.staffs.sch.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs L Astley