



Reception Class Newsletter

September 2020

Welcome to The Croft Primary School, to the Reception class and to the start of your child's school life with us. The Reception children have made a great start to the year, settling into the class routines and we are looking forward to them being in school full time.

It is 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 half term, so that you can continue to support your child at home. Our first half term has a focus on Personal, Social and Emotional Development and well-being. We will be helping the children to settle into school, learn their new routines, make friends, develop good hygiene practice and work on developing their confidence and relationships in their new class. We will be encouraging the children to share and take turns, listen carefully to both adults and their friends, make good choices and develop their independence. You can support your child at home by encouraging them to put on and fasten their own coat, use the toilet independently, tidy up their toys and listen carefully to instructions.

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, and feelings. Through stories including 'Elmer' we will explore and celebrate the things that we can do and the things that make us special. We will also be looking at superheroes, what makes them special and how we can be 'superhero 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 learning and playing together.

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 will be held later this term.

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, each time you read with your child, about how they have got on with their reading at home.

Mathematical Development

This half term we will be focusing on numbers to 5 and the key principles of counting to ensure that the children have a secure understanding of each number.

We will be using the Numberblocks programme to support the children in their understanding of counting accurately, ordering numbers, recognising numerals, comparing numbers and making numbers using addition.

We will be enjoying lots of fun activities to help develop the children's mathematical skills, including number stories and rhymes, counting fingers, 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 every third Wednesday. The children will need to come to school in their P.E kit and remain in them for those 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 each morning and a piece of fruit each afternoon. We ask parents for £7 to contribute towards the cost of toast this half term. Please can you put the money in a named envelope and give it to the office, Mrs. Davis or myself as soon as possible.

Water bottles

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 then we don't have any sticky spillages.

Bags

The children don't need to bring bags to school each day at the moment. If you would like to send in spare pants and socks for your child, in case of accidents, then please send them in a small named bag that can hang on their peg or go in their tray.

Home/School Links

We value our links with parents and as the current circumstances make it a little more difficult to talk before and after school, if you need to contact me, my email address is: staff16@croft.staffs.sch.uk

Thank you for your continued support
Mrs. Daniel and Mrs Davis

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