



# Class 2's Newsletter - Summer 2023

## Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! I hope that you have all had a lovely Easter break. It was a pleasure to meet you all at Parent's Evening so thank you very much to everyone for attending. I am delighted to be at The Croft. You have all offered me such a warm welcome to the school which has been wonderful for me and I will do everything that I can to support your child before they transition to Year 3. Hopefully, you will find this newsletter helpful however, if there is anything else you would like to know, you know how to contact me.

## Topic

This term our new topic is 'On the Coast!' 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 'Ice cream' as part of our new 'Language Angels' scheme and during these lessons they will learn how to name and recognise 10 different flavours for ice creams, ask for an ice cream 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

We will start this term by continuing to use The Tale of The Castle Mice as inspiration for our writing. There will be a strong focus on constructing grammatically correct sentences; exploring ways in which we can extend them, along with using punctuation accurately. They will also be given opportunities to edit and improve 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 with our phonics sessions using our 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. The children are also going to be encouraged to use their joined handwriting in all lessons when writing. Please do not worry if your child is currently struggling to join as they will be supported with this.

## 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 learning about time, as well as measuring capacity, length, weight and temperature using standard measurements of millilitres, litres, centimetres, metres, grams, kilograms and Celsius.

### **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 Thursday 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 these days.

### **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 so that when they are asked to read with an adult, they have it ready in their bag. It would also be really helpful if you could try and read with your child several times a week as. Do not hesitate to read a book more than once as this can support your child's understanding of what they are reading. Please support them with understanding any new vocabulary as well as asking them questions about what they have read. If you can write a comment in their book to about that highlights anything they did well, or struggled with, that would also be much appreciated.

### **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. If your child wants to have toast at morning playtime don't forget it can now be booked via ParentPay.

If you have any questions or queries which the newsletter does not answer, then please do not hesitate to email me at [staff38@croft.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:staff38@croft.staffs.sch.uk)

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Ashley