

Reception Class Newsletter Summer 2024

Welcome back and we hope you all had a lovely Easter break. The year is speeding by and this is our final term before the summer holidays and the transition in to Year 1. Towards the end of the term we will focus on transition activities to support their move into Year 1 and to make it as smooth as possible.



Topic

Our topic this term is 'We're Off On A Journey'. We will be investigating different types of vehicles and journeys to different places. We will be reading a range of stories and poems involving vehicles and journeys and using non-fiction books to help us research types of transport and vehicles from the past. We will be using and creating maps of journeys both real and imagined. Part of our topic will focus on roads and the children will be thinking about road safety. We will be investigating journeys in a variety of modes of transport including; trains, buses, aeroplanes, ships and rockets and the children will be developing their imaginative skills through outdoor role play. Paintings by Van Gogh and L.S Lowry and music including 'The Planet Suite' by Holst will be the starting point for the children to express their ideas and preferences and develop their own art work and music. The children will be exploring their school outside environment, the plants and creatures that we find there and carrying out investigations in to how different vehicles move. Also as an end of year celebration Reception class will be having a Teddy Bear's Picnic on Friday 12th July on the school field. You will find out more information about this nearer to the time.

Communication, Language and Literacy

The children are progressing well with their phonics and are working on using their sounds to blend and segment words both orally and when reading and writing simple sentences. This term our focus will be on encouraging the children to read and write words and sentences as independently as possible. We will be using a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry as starting points for our reading and writing including 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', 'Jack and the Jelly Bean Stalk', 'Mr. Gumpy's Outing' and 'Mr. Gumpy's Motor Car'. The children will be writing for a range of purposes and their writing will include writing lists, labels, captions, and sentences.

Mathematical Development

This term we will focus on numbers to 20 and beyond, counting, estimating, ordering numbers, recognising numerals and counting on and back from a given number. We will be having lots of fun solving practical problems using addition and subtraction, doubling, halving and sharing, partitioning sets of objects and reading and writing simple addition and subtraction sums. We will be looking at patterns, 3D shapes and measuring short periods of time in simple ways. The children will be carrying out a traffic survey and using the data to make pictograms. You can continue to support your child's maths at home through counting, encouraging them to recognise numerals and using the 'Numberblocks at home' weekly activities.

Physical Development

The children will continue to develop their strength and balance using a range of equipment. They will be learning to negotiate space, combine movements and talk about different factors that support their health and well being such as; exercise, sleep, brushing their teeth, road safety and having sensible amounts of screen time. This term Reception class will be taking part in two P.E sessions, on a Wednesday and Thursday. The children will therefore need to come to school in their P.E. kit on both 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.

Water Bottles

Please can I remind you that we encourage the children to bring a water bottle each day. It is very important that the children have the opportunity to drink throughout the day as this benefits their development and learning. We do ask that parents put **water** in the bottles, not juice, as water is healthier for the children, we can refill them when needed and when spillages occur we don't have such a sticky mess!

Warm weather

Hopefully we will have some lovely warm weather this term. If the weather is particularly warm, please ensure that your child has had sun cream applied **before** they come to school and that they have a hat with them. If you send sun cream with your child, they will need to be able to apply it themselves and it will need to be labelled.

Reading books

The children are doing well with their reading and we appreciate all the practise you do with them at home. We recommend that they practise with you daily whenever possible and please don't forget to write in their blue books. Please ensure reading books and/or word bags are in bags so that we can add new words and change their books.

Show and tell sessions

The children love to show pictures and writing that they have been doing at home and we want to encourage them to show their work and share their news with the class. We will therefore be doing this activity on a Friday afternoon, so please send your child in with any photographs of special events, drawings or writing on a Friday morning. Please do not send in toys as these can get lost or broken. The aim of the session is for the children to talk about their weekly news.

Thank you for your continued support and if you need to contact me then please drop me an email at staff31@croft.staffs.sch.uk