



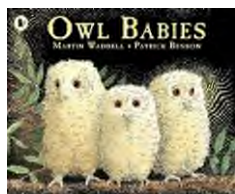
# Reception Term 1 Newsletter

## Welcome to Term 1 at The Croft

Welcome to The Croft Primary School. We are really excited to meet your children and your families at the home visits and we are excited for our first week at school.

We were really impressed with how the children settled into life at The Croft at the Stay and Play Session this term. In Term 1, we will be developing the children's independence and organisation skills and supporting them to develop new friendships. We will also begin to introduce Little Wandle Phonics each morning; daily Maths sessions as well as Literacy sessions each day to promote mark making into writing.

We also use texts to support our teaching and learning at The Croft and this begins in Reception as part of our Literacy sessions. We are really excited to use the following texts and tales to promote speaking and listening skills, mark making and letter formation in Term 1.



Our indoor and outdoor classroom environments will also be enhanced to reflect our key text or tales – look out for the children's creations that they will bring home in their bags to share with you! Please also look out for updates on your child's Tapestry account (more information to follow).

### PE

Our whole class PE session will start from week 3 and will be on a **Wednesday afternoon**. Please send your child to school wearing their PE kit as they will remain wearing it for the day. Jogging bottoms are encouraged in the colder weather.

### Outdoor Learning

In Reception, we learn both indoors and outside, and we will be outside during all weathers (providing it is safe to do so). Please ensure that your child has named wellies that are kept in school and that the children come in each day with a waterproof coat.

### Reading and Homework

We love to celebrate the children's reading at The Croft. Each week your child will be allocated a Collins book to read and this book has been carefully matched to your child's reading ability. Please encourage your child to read this to you at least once each week. Your child will also choose a 'Reading for Pleasure' book from our school's Book Nook. Your child will also be given a reading record for you to share with us the books that you read at home (both reading for pleasure books and Collins books). We encourage children to read with their families a minimum of 5 times per week. The number of reads is counted in school each week and prizes for every 25 reads are rewarded in our celebration assemblies. Please note that as part of our school policy, we count no more than one read per day.

We encourage children to share their new learning with their families, so homework, books and eBooks will be sent home every **Friday** and should be returned on a **Wednesday**.

### Celebration Assembly

Please join us to celebrate our successes during the celebration assemblies on Friday mornings on Teams from 9am. We will celebrate children's academic learning, values-based successes and reading achievements. If your child has an out-of-school achievement, please do let us know so that we can celebrate this as well.

### Reminder of Timings

Week 1: 2nd – 5<sup>th</sup> September - Home Visits  
Week 2: W/C 08/09/25 – 8:30 – 12:30 pm (lunch in school)  
Week 3: W/C 15/09/24 Onwards – Fulltime hours

Thank you for your continued support.

Reception team.

#### Meet the team

##### Class RRH

Class Teachers - Mrs Russell (Monday, Tuesday and Friday) and Mrs Heath (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday)  
Teaching Assistant - Mrs Lanaza

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##### Class RGM

Class Teachers - Miss Gunter (Monday – Wednesday) and Miss Myler (Thursday & Friday)  
Teaching Assistants - Mrs Coates (Monday – Thursday) and Miss Pickering (Monday & Friday)

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