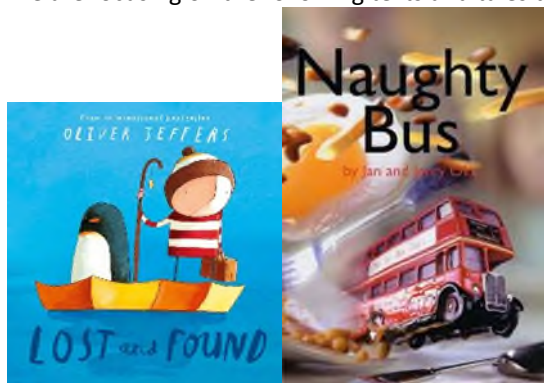


Reception Term 3 Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year to you and your families! We hope that you all had a happy and safe Christmas break. We look forward to welcoming the children back and hearing all about their holidays. We are excited for another fun-filled term full of lots of exciting learning opportunities. We are focusing on the following texts and tales this term:



Literacy:

We are encouraging children to practise the correct tripod pencil grip at all times, and we are moving on to children being able to write two-word phrases independently (e.g. the cat or a dog). We are also encouraging children to retell and act out familiar stories and tales.

Maths:

In our maths lessons and adult-led groups, the children will be learning to subitise amounts on a tens frame. We will also be teaching the skills of addition and subtraction from numbers to 5 using maths rhymes and resources. We will also explore the concept of 'wholes' and 'parts' as well as play maths games such as pairs and snap.

PE

Our whole class PE session will now be on a **Monday afternoon** this term. 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 wellington boots that are kept in school and that the children come in each day with a waterproof

Online Safety:

We will continue to teach children about keeping safe online during our computing lessons. This term our focus is what an online reputation is and how to stay safe online.

Reading and Homework

We love to celebrate the children's reading at The Croft. Each week, your child will come home with a reading book which is carefully matched to your child's reading ability. 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. We encourage children to read with their families a minimum of 5 times per week. The number of reads are 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 and books 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.

Thank you for your continued support; we look forward to sharing a fantastic term with you all.

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