



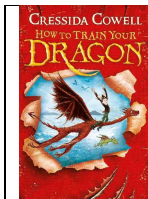
# Year 5 Term 1 Newsletter

## Welcome to Term 1

We hope you all had a fantastic summer break and we are so glad to be welcoming you back to The Croft after such a long time away!

In term 1, we will be reading the book *How to train your dragon* by Cressida Cowell and this will form the basis of our reading and writing lessons. We will be re-capping writing skills from Year 4 as well as covering new Year 5 content. We would like to see children beginning to develop their stamina for writing as well as refreshing those basic punctuation and grammar skills that may not have been used for some time now.

The Viking theme will be echoed in our non-core learning such as history and DT. By the end of the term children will have designed, made and evaluated their very own Viking shield. Children will need to bring in a large, thick piece of cardboard for this. Please bring to school in Week 3.



Our book this term is *How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell. Your child is very welcome to bring a named copy in to school to read along with the class.

In maths this term, we will be looking at place value. We will be re-capping previous learning as well as moving on to larger numbers as specified in the Year 5 curriculum. We will be looking at the value of digits, rounding numbers and placing them on a number line. Place value underpins all other learning so will build a great foundation for the rest of the year.

In computing our focus is computer science. The children will learn to plan efficient solutions to problems that include controlling or simulating physical systems, using decomposition. In online safety, our topic is self-image and identity as well as privacy and security. The children will explain how identity online can be copied, modified or altered and they will learn how to demonstrate making responsible choices about having an online identity, depending on context.

Our science learning this term will focus on forces. We will be looking at balanced and unbalanced forces and the important part they play in everyday life. Each week we will focus on a different working scientifically objective. The children will plan, record and analyse the results of investigations, ensuring that a fair test is always carried out.

In term 1, we will have PE on a Monday. Please can children come to school wearing their full PE kit on this day. There is no need to bring a change of clothes. We ask that you please provide them with jogging bottoms in case the weather is wet or cold. We will be learning about extreme games such as dodgeball this term. In addition to this, children will have a daily 15 minute physical activity session – they will not need PE kit for this.

Homework will be taken home on a Friday and needs to be returned the following Wednesday please. All children must also read 5 times per week which needs recording in their reading records. We appreciate your support with this.

A final quick note to say that 5JM will have support from Mrs Stringer and Mrs Hire whilst a class TA is recruited.

We are looking forward to a wonderful term with you all!

## Meet the Team

Please email the class teacher if there is anything you wish to discuss.

### Class 5M

Miss Mercier (Teacher) & Ms Sangekar (TA)

### Class 5W

Mr Medd (Teacher) & Miss Ellis (1:1 TA)