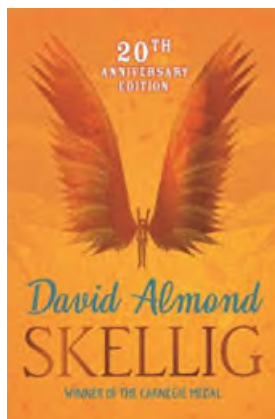


Year 6 Term 1 Newsletter

Welcome to Term 1!

We wish you a warm welcome back for your child's final year at The Croft Primary School. We cannot wait to get started and get to know your children over the course of the next year!

This term, we will be reading the book *Skellig* for both our reading and writing lessons.



In writing, we will complete a range of written outcomes from setting and character descriptions to non-fiction diary entries. We will also take part in a debate about school.

Our reading lessons will have a heavy focus on reading fluency at the beginning of the week and move towards comprehension-based activities by the end. We will use weekly extracts from *Skellig* for all of these tasks as well as some linked non-fiction texts too.

In Maths this term, we will develop our conceptual understanding related to number, place value and decimals. We will also be consolidating and extending our learning based on the formal written methods for multiplication and division as well as looking at order of operations. The children will be given lots of opportunities to add depth and breadth to their learning by completing reasoning and problem-solving activities.

Our science learning this term will focus on light. The children will learn how light travels and use this knowledge to explain how we are able to see objects.

Our music lessons will be supported by a unit from *Charanga* where children will have the opportunity to listen to, understand and perform different genres of music. Our song of the term will be *Mamma Mia*!

In History this term, we will be focussing on the question, 'What does a census tell us about our local area?'. We will look at examples of censuses across this unit, looking at changes, continuities and also researching the lives of the different families.

In Year 6, we will continue to have weekly computing and online safety lessons. In our computing lessons, we will be focused on digital literacy; we will be looking at the positives and negatives of different ways to communicate online. Our online safety focuses this term will be self-image and identity and security and privacy.

In R.E, we will be thinking about the big question – What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God? This unit of work will prompt discussion around different types of commitment and Islam. We will also think about who we are and where we fit through our personal development (PD) topic, 'Being Me in My World'.

Our PE lessons will be on a Tuesday and our first unit will be fitness. We will focus on different elements of fitness and the importance of keeping fit and healthy.

In Art, we will at one point perspective artwork. Children will develop different skills throughout the unit to build up to a final outcome including mathematical processes and positive and negative space.

Homework will continue to be given out on a Friday and needs to be returned the following Wednesday. Reading records should be updated and handed in on a Wednesday to be checked- we would like to see children reading and recording these five times per week. To encourage independence, children are able to write in their own reading records.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 6 Team

Meet the team

Please email your child's class teacher if there is anything you wish to discuss.

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