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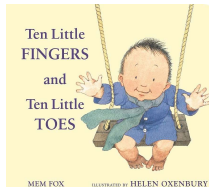
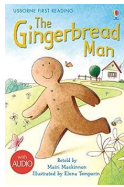
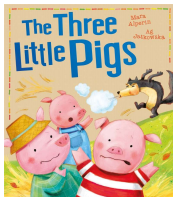
Reception Term 1 Newsletter

Welcome to Term 1 at The Croft

Welcome to The Croft Primary School. We have really enjoyed meeting the children and their families and have had a great first week at school.

We have been really impressed with how the children have settled into life at The Croft and they are already making new friends. This term, we are developing the children's independence and organisation skills and supporting them to develop new friendships. We will also begin to introduce Little Wandle Phonics, daily maths sessions and Drawing Club 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 Drawing Club 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!

PE

Cycling will be on a **Monday** from Week 3. Your child **does not** need to wear PE kit for this and bikes and helmets are provided for them to borrow. Children will wear school uniform and will be taken in small groups. Cycling is an outdoor activity, therefore please ensure your child wears appropriate outdoor clothing suitable for the weather conditions. Our whole class PE session will start from week 3 and will be on a **Tuesday 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 wellington boots and waterproof clothing that can be kept in school.

Reading and Homework

The children will visit our school library once a week to choose a reading for pleasure book to share with you at home. Their reading for pleasure book will go home on a **Friday** and we ask that it is returned the following **Wednesday**, please.

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 will be sent home every **Friday** and should be returned on a **Wednesday**. This will allow you to support your child at home and see what great learning they have been doing.

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. The link for this Teams assembly was sent on the Calendar of events email.

Reminder of Timings

Week 1 w/c 04/09/23 – 8:30-12 pm (no lunch in school)
Week 2 w/c 11/09/23 – 8:30 – 12:45 pm (lunch in school)
Week 3 w/c 18/09/23 onwards – 8:30 – 3:30 pm

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

Meet the team

Class RR

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Class RM

Mrs Mazzotta (Class Teacher), Miss Pickering (Teaching Assistant)
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