



Reception Term 2 Newsletter

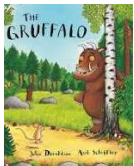
Welcome to Term 2 at The Croft

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a fun-filled break. This is set to be an exciting term ahead with lots of great learning; a pantomime trip and of course our wonderful nativity play. I'm sure that you will be hearing the songs in the coming weeks!

This term, we will continue with Little Wandle Phonics and we will be learning some new graphemes. Segmenting and blending words will be a focus in class, so please encourage your children to practice their new phonemes when they come home with the homework so that we can continue to support the children to blend to read. Drawing Club and whole class maths learning will continue, and we hope the children will be enthused to practice mark marking as well as counting forwards and backwards from different numbers.

This term our class texts will be:

The Gruffalo, Stick Man, Jack Frost, The Elves and the Shoemaker, Crayon's Christmas, The Christmas Pine.



We will focus on practising the correct pencil grip and writing the initial sounds in words during our drawing club sessions. The children will continue to use their imagination to create their drawing club pieces and to write their secret code. Our indoor and outdoor classroom environments will continue to 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!

Maths: In maths this term, we will practice counting forwards and backwards from different numbers to 20. The children will use sentence stems to say the number that is one more and the number that is one fewer. We will be matching a number to the corresponding quantity and identifying and ordering Numicom. We encourage the children to play dice games at home - games such as snakes and ladders are really great tools for teaching children to count on and count back.

PE Cycling will continue on a **Monday**. Your child **does not** need to wear PE kit for this and bikes and helmets are provided for them to borrow. 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 continue to be on a **Thursday 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.

Online Safety.

We will continue to teach children about keeping safe online during our computing lessons. This term our focus is supporting children to deal with upsetting content.

Outdoor Learning

In Reception, our learning environment is both inside and outside. Please ensure that your child has a coat, 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 along with the homework book.

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 certificates 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.

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.

We are pleased to announce that our nativity play will take place at Christ Church on Thursday 14th December at 2pm. It would be wonderful to see you all there. More information will follow.

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

Meet the team

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