

Year 5 Newsletter

Summer term

I hope you had a lovely break. This year has flown by, and we're now in the third and final term before Class 5 become Class 6!

I hope that the children have enjoyed their time with me so far, and look forward to the weeks ahead and our new interesting topic of Lights, Camera, Action.

Thank you to everyone that came to talk with me at Parents Evening. If there is anyone that couldn't make those nights and would like to see me, please contact me to make another appointment.

You may have seen another adult around a few weeks ago. We will have Miss May with us for 8 weeks.

Can I also remind you that you can email me at staff07@croft.staffs.sch.uk



Classroom equipment

Could you please ensure your child has everything they need for school. They need a handwriting pen in blue ink, a pencil and a ruler. This is particularly useful during SATs week.

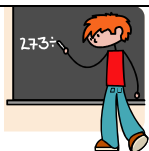


Year 5 Summer Term Literacy

During the term we shall be covering the following units in our Literacy lessons.

- Narrative *Dramatic Conventions*
Film Narrative
- Non-Fiction *Instructions*
- Poetry *Choral and Performance Poetry*

Through our Creative Curriculum, we will be reading playscripts and watching different dramas to use in our writing. We will be looking at how scriptwriters get the actors to act in particular ways to tell a story. Poetry will be read, written and performed in a variety of ways, such as podcasts and movies. Our instructional writing will be linked to making instruments and using them to perform.



Year 5 Summer Term Numeracy

During the term we shall be covering the following units in our Numeracy lessons.

Counting, partitioning and calculating, Securing number facts, understanding shape, Handling data and measures, Calculating, measuring and understanding shape, Securing number facts, relationships and calculating.

Within our Creative Curriculum topic we will be calculating time measurements by looking at TV guides. Time will be very important when we make our movies and keep to time limits. We will be doing lots of practical measuring when we cut materials to make our musical instruments.

Year 5 Summer Term Creative Curriculum



The focus this term will very much be on all aspects of performances, from using digital film cameras, editing footage, to performing music for the background, writing scripts and creating animations. Using popular TV programmes as inspiration, they will recreate cookery shows (giving instructions to their audience), make instruments to be used for sound effects in filming and choreograph dance routines for performing. They will look at Life Cycles through Science lessons, linked to watching BBC Planet Earth and how they capture animals on film, along with as how sounds can be changed.

sln2.net @ The Croft

Some of you with children at High Schools may have already heard of sln2.net. This is very new for us at The Croft and Year 5 will be trying it out this term.

Sln2.net is a 'Virtual Learning Platform'. This is a means to support learning away from the classroom. It is a safe environment on the internet and is supported by Staffordshire. For more details, please visit YouTube and search for 'What is a Learning Platform?' for a cartoon explanation. More information will be given during this term.

Each child will be given lessons introducing them to our VLP and advising them on assessing and using it. They will be coming home with their log in information so they can view and add to the VLP at home. We will be using this to support and extend work in the classroom. Do not worry if you don't have internet access. The children can use it in Computer Club on their day and will have time in lessons to be on it.



Inspire Science

A big thank you to everyone taking part in the Inspire Science. Some of the photos, emails and blogs we have seen from the Inspire projects have been fantastic! Thank you for these. We hope you're enjoying the project. Can you please return them, completed or not, on a Wednesday ready for Mrs Jevon to put new packs of equipment together. If they are not received on this day, we cannot guarantee you will have the next project.



Homework and Diaries

Work has been handed in successfully this last term, and will continue to be sent out on the same days this term, with the inclusion of some Science and topic work when beneficial to support Class work.

Please ensure your child is reading at home on a regular basis. To encourage this there is a Reading Ladder on display in the classroom. When children reach the top, they can achieve 10 house points.



Jennifer Collier's workshop visit

I am currently in the process of putting a display together of the work the children produced with Jennifer Collier. I know some of you have already seen the fantastic shoes they produced and they are so proud of their banner also. Please come into school to see these. I am in the process of planning this terms trip - more news to follow.



PE and Games kit

Please ensure your child has the correct kit for the correct days. It can become very distressing for the pupils when they are worrying about not having the correct kit with them for activities. It is a part of their necessary education. We only cancel Games lesson for very bad weather conditions. PE will be on Thursdays this term and Games on Fridays.



Presentation

Please can you encourage your child to match the presentation of their homework to the presentation we expect at school. I am promoting this by giving extra house points for neat work and for showing calculations and working out in Numeracy. Dates and titles should be underlined and handwriting should be joined.



Penpals

This term might include a visit from the Texas penpals teacher! She will be coming over after their school finishes for summer in early June (it's just too hot to be at school after that!) to visit family in the UK. We look forward to her visit.



Websites

I will be continuing to give pupils a 'Website of the week' to visit either at home or during Computer Club at lunchtimes. I always welcome suggestions! As with anything on the internet, it is always best to be vetted by an adult and I cannot guarantee that the websites I suggest are always 100% child friendly, although I obviously do try my best.

Contact

I am normally available after school if you have any queries. I can also be contacted on my school email address which is staff07@croft.staffs.sch.uk. Please feel free to write any comments or messages in the Homework Diary and use it as a method of communication between school and home.

Thank you for your support, Mrs C Davies