

## CLASS 6 SUMMER NEWSLETTER



Welcome back after a lovely Easter break. This is the last term at The Croft for your children and no doubt it will fly by quickly. This half term has the classes SAT tests, and this newsletter will tell you all of the necessary information regarding the tests and how you can support your child.

### SATs

As you may have read or heard in the news, some schools may boycott that SATs this year. However, the SATs will still be taking place at The Croft week beginning the 10<sup>th</sup> May. The tests will take place on Monday to Thursday. Unlike last year there will be no test on the Friday as the children are not taking Science SATs this year. A test timetable is attached so you are aware which tests your child has on what day. It would be most helpful if each child could bring with them two pens, two pencils and a rubber. It is fundamental that your child sits every test as these results are sent to their secondary school. If for any reason you have a problem which prevents your child getting to school then you should contact the school as soon as possible. Due to the success of previous years, we will be providing a free breakfast for each member of class 6. They will be invited into breakfast club from 8.30 to have cereal and toast with their friends, please encourage your child to attend as this settles their nerves and provides a great start to the day. Can I also ask that all children get good nights sleep prior to the tests and avoid any unnecessary stress. As I am sure you are aware, we want the children to do their very best in the SATs but we must bear in mind that they are still only 11 years old and that these tests are only one aspect of year 6. The children have worked very hard towards these tests and I'm sure they will all do their best. If you would like any additional information on the SATs then please do not hesitate to contact me.



### Numeracy

Class 6 really enjoy their Numeracy! This term we will be revisiting topics previously covered, paying particular attention to problem solving and completing mathematical investigations. It is important that the children can apply the four rules of number to word problems, so they will need to have a good understanding of how to add, subtract, multiply and divide.

### Literacy

During the run up to the SATs the class will be completing a variety of writing tasks covering all of the genres. We will be practicing answering comprehension questions, in particular the questions which are worth three marks as these are the more challenging types. After the SATs we will be completing a study of the text 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo and completing the relevant transition work for secondary school. Throughout the term, I will be sending home writing and comprehension tasks for homework which I ask, they spend at least thirty minutes completing. Mr Davis will continue to test spellings each Friday.

### Science

This term the children will be studying micro-organisms and investigating irreversible and reversible changes. We have also arranged to work further with John Taylor High School Science department who will be visiting us to carry out practical Science with the pupils. On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April each child will need to bring in a pair of sunglasses, labeled with their name, to complete the 'sunglasses' investigation.



## PE



Outdoor games will continue on a Friday afternoon and we have dance on a Monday. **The children must have their PE kits in school on these days** and if they can't take part in the lessons then they must bring in a note from home. May I also suggest that they keep a kit in school for any extra PE sessions after SATs.

## Island Adventure!

Our Creative Curriculum topic this term is a geography based topic called Island Adventure! We will be looking at different countries in the Caribbean and we have made links with a school in Jamaica, who the children will be able to email. We will be looking at the culture of the different countries, studying the artwork and making our own Caribbean festival clothes. Can I ask that all of the pupils bring in a plain white t-shirt which we can tie dye for a Caribbean festival?



## SHUGBOROUGH

The highlight of the year most definitely is Shugborough, both the children and the staff look forward to it! You should all of received your consent letter and many deposits have come into school. A kit list of what the children will need will be sent out, plus a swimming letter which you will need to sign and state how far your child can swim. I have made each child aware that Shugborough is not a given right and that any unacceptable behavior during the run up to the trip will result in pupils spending the week in school with class five. I am sure this will not happen and we will have a enjoyable and memorable week!

I hope you have found this newsletter useful but if there is anything you would like to discuss further then please do not hesitate to contact me. I am always available before and after school or alternatively you can contact me via email, [croft04@staffs.sch.uk](mailto:croft04@staffs.sch.uk).

Thank you

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