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## Croft Newsletter - March 2023

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Croft Church of England  
Primary School

# Welcome Message

It has been another busy few weeks for us here at Croft. We have been so impressed at how children returned to work after the half-term break and got straight on with their learning.

We are aware that our children nowadays live in a world where online safety is a key part of their learning. The internet can offer lots of exciting opportunities but can also be a dangerous place to navigate. At Croft, children learn about online safety through the computing curriculum and the Jigsaw PSHCE curriculum. If you would like to talk to your child at home about online safety the NSPCC has some useful resources [Want to talk about it?](#) [Making space for conversations about life online | NSPCC](#)

After Easter, we will be inviting parents in for the celebration assembly on a Friday. If your child has been chosen for a certificate a message will be sent to you via Class Dojo with the relevant details.

Hope you all have a good week!

Miss Clarke and Mrs Thompson 😊

## World Down Syndrome Day – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March

This year we will be celebrating World Down Syndrome Day



# Parking

It has been brought to our attention that there has been some dangerous and inconsiderate parking on Brookes Avenue and particular on the corner near the bollards.

We have contacted the County Council about this and have been requested to urge those who can walk, cycle or scoot to do this in order to keep Leicestershire moving and to keep areas around school safe for other road users and pedestrians. Where walking, cycling and scooting is not possible we encourage parents to park with care away from the main school gates and from junctions.

We have been informed that it is an offence under the Road Traffic Act 1988 for any person in charge of a vehicle to cause or permit that vehicle to stand on a road/footway in such a manner that is considered to be dangerous, or that which causes an obstruction to the safe and effective use of the highway. Any such instances of this should be reported to the Police on their non-emergency number 101. Alternatively, you may wish to visit their new webpage: <https://www.leics.police.uk/ro/report/rti/rti-b/report-a-road-traffic-incident/>

A request has been raised with the parking enforcement team to schedule the school enforcement camera car to patrol around the school area.



# Little Sparkles

Our learning this week...

We have been practising balancing on the beams and working on developing our gross motor skills.



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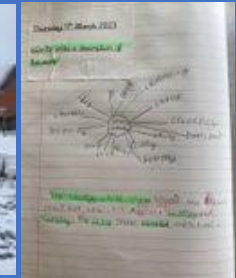
We have been spotting signs of Spring, naming flowers in our outside area, painting and drawing them....



# Ruby

Our learning this week...

The children made the most of the snow and did some incredible descriptive writing.



The children have been working very hard on their Samuel Pepys Diaries about the Great Fire of London

# Diamond

Our learning this week...

Diamond have been very busy the last couple of weeks.

In English we looked at a new text by Giles Andreae called Giraffes Can't Dance. We have created a setting and character description for the character Gerald who lives in the jungle!

In Maths we have been using our addition and subtraction knowledge to solve problems.

In the afternoon, we have created an observational drawing of people and places, and in Geography we have been researching all about volcanoes to help create a Volcanologist's report!

# Our learning this week... Topaz

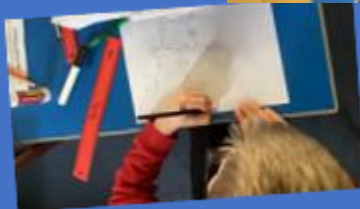
Over the last couple of weeks, Topaz have been busy with assessments.

We have also been honing our research and classification skills.

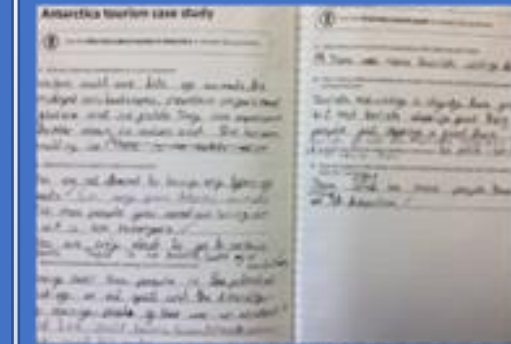
In Computing we learnt how to make a Thaumatrope - which were Victorian forms of Animation.

In Science we learnt how to classify different objects by asking yes and no question.

In English we looked at what could go in a mountain rescue centre.



# Our learning this week... Amethyst



**Literacy** – learning about tourism in Antarctica.

**Science** – learning about electricity!



**Science** – Evolution and Inheritance (Year 6).



# Diary Dates

- **March**

- 21<sup>st</sup> – World Down's Syndrome Day

- **April**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> - Easter Holidays
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 and Year 5 Water Treatment Plant visit

- **May**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Bank Holiday (school and pre-school closed)
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday (school and pre-school closed)
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Ruby class trip
- 29<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Half Term





# St Michael and All Angels

- **Saturday lunches-** are on the first Saturday of the month starting on Feb 4th, 12 - 1.30pm, everyone is welcome. There is a different menu each month, IE, soup, jacket potatoes, shepherds pie, quiche, plus a drink and dessert.
- **Church services-** 1st Sunday in the month joint service 10am, see church gate / website for details, 2nd, 3rd , 4th Sunday 11.15 am at Croft church. (5th Sunday joint service).

# CROFT JUNIORS

We are looking for girls from year 2 and 3 to join our football club. Training is on Monday evenings and Saturday mornings at Broughton Astley Leisure Centre

For more information  
Please contact  
Jamie on  
078 6872 7309





FREE event



new office now open

could you help a child feel safe, loved and supported?

### YOU can make a difference

join us on Saturday 25th March 10am – 1pm at Unit 26, Eldon Road Business Park, Chilwell, Nottingham, NG9 6DZ. It's the perfect opportunity to find more about becoming a foster carer and how you can help a child in your area. Enjoy some refreshments while having an informal chat with our carers and team.

### special guest

enjoy an interactive, hands-on encounter with unusual animals.



10am to 12pm



For more information call

0115 9815 604

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can't join us?

enquire at [nexusfostering.co.uk](http://nexusfostering.co.uk)



# Warning ZONE... LIFE SKILLS CENTRE



Scan me!

Help teach children to learn how to keep themselves safe!

VOLUNTEER WITH US  
WE NEED YOU!

NEED EXPERIENCE IN A WORK ENVIRONMENT



WANT TO ENHANCE YOUR C.V.?



GOT SOME SPARE TIME?



We need volunteers of all ages (16+) and experience to join our team

Warning Zone teaches valuable life skills to children to support them to make better choices, spot dangers, assess risks to help them to stay safe.

Why not pop in, have a look around and find out more!

To organise a visit: contact us



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