# Croft Newsletter -March 2023

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# Welcome Message

Good afternoon everyone,

It has been another busy few weeks at Croft as I am sure you will have seen from the posts on Class Dojo. Despite the very mixed weather we have had recently, it does feels like we are leaving Winter behind and leaping forward into Spring. We hope that the weather gets a little drier after Easter and look forward to being able to make use of the school field as the weather begins to improve.

It has been a fast and very packed 12 weeks and we have really enjoyed getting to know the staff, children and families at Croft. We cannot even begin to list all the different activities that have taken place this term, some of the highlights include Science week, World Book Day and World Downs Syndrome Day with the wonderful array of odd socks and signing on show.

Next term has lots to look forward to! We are celebrating the King's Coronation on Friday 5th May (more information to follow after Easter), we have school trips to look forward to, sports days and lots more besides. Keep a look out for information regarding all of this on Class Dojo and in future newsletters.

A huge thank you to you for all your support this term. We wish you all a very restful and enjoyable break and a very Happy Easter!

Miss Clarke and Mrs Thompson 🏐

# <u>PTA</u>

#### Friend of Croft PTA – Volunteers Needed

The PTA raise funds in many different ways, Raffles, Mother's/Father's day gift sales, Coin trails and Refreshments and Tombola at school events. In order to keep doing these things and more, we need some new volunteers to help with these fundraisers and bring new ideas.

The funds we have raised in the last couple of years have meant that we have been able to support the school with lots of new purchases,

- The trim trail on the playground,
- New wood to rebuil the outdoor stage
- New topic books for each class
- Colourful Rugs for 2 Classrooms
- And a Defibrillator

We have also donated 100 crème eggs for the class easter egg hunts that have taken place this week.

A big thank you to Adsa who also very kindly donated extra eggs and Sanjay and the Co-op for their generous donations to the Easter Egg Hamper Raffle.

If you are interested in getting involved, in anyway at all, please message the school office. We are aiming to have an informal meeting soon after we return from the Easter break to discuss future fundraising ideas.

# Little Sparkles Our learning this week...



The pre-schoolers have had so much fun this week engaging in Easter activities. The icing on the cake (no pun intended) was the fun Easter baking activity with Mrs Wooton.

**Our learning this** week...













This week we have been learning and retelling the Easter story, modelling and painting our own eggs and crafting a natural nest for them. We went on an egg hunt in our woodland garden and explored wax resist making Easter cards.



## **Happy Easter**



### **Our learning** this week...

# What should I wear

Emerald

The children have created some beautiful silhouette Great Fire of London art work



This week we have been learning about the moon and the first moon landing





In RE the children have been learning all about what happened to Jesus during Holy Week

# Diamond

Our learning this week...

In English we had a visit from Itchy Iguana, he needed our help with instructions on How To Wash An Itchy Iguana. The children wrote detailed instructions to Itchy Iguana and we are awaiting his response!

In Maths, we have been using manipulatives to help our understanding of unit and non-unit fractions. The children were excited to explore equivalent fractions using the manipulatives.

In Geography we looked at the Eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. We explored the causes and effects of this eruption as well as the findings from The excavation. Did you know that in 79 C.E. the explosion destroyed and buried the cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum?

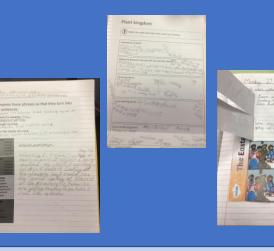
In Art, we have looked into the genre of figure drawing. The children studied figure drawings and urban landscapes of the artist LS Lowry and created artwork in his style to show scenes from our school.

In Science, we created compasses to help with our understanding of magnetic fields. We found out that our planet's magnetic field forms an invisible shield that protects us from the solar wind. Sometimes the solar wind gets stronger and generates the aurora borealis. Our learning this week... Topaz

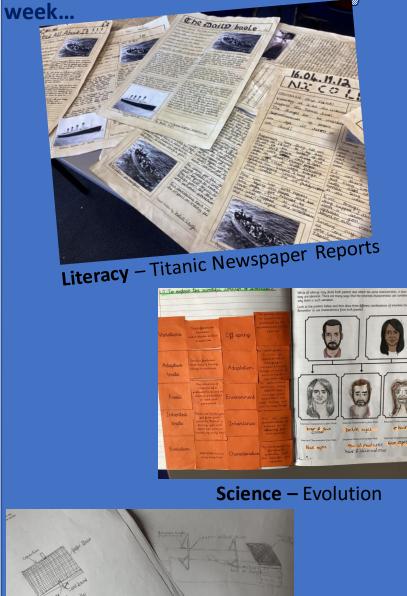
In English, we have imagining what it would be like to have climbed the summit of Mount Everest, we used emotive language to create complex sentences.

In RE, we have been revising the story of Holy Week and Jesus' journey into the Heaven.

In Science, we have been classifying plants and looking at vascular and non-vascular plants.



Our learning this Amethyst



#### DT – bridge design



## April

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> Easter Holidays
- 18th Year 3 swimming starts
- 19th 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
- 23rd Emerald and Diamond 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







# Easter Egg Collection



## For The children's wards at the LRI

After the success of last year's Easter Egg collection, we have decided to run it again this year. Unfortunately many children find themselves in hospital over the Easter period and receiving a gift of an egg or some chocolate may help bring a smile to their faces at a difficult time. We are also aware that times are difficult for everyone, so we would gratefully receive any donation of Easter Eggs/chocolate/sweets.

Please bring any donation to your Child's class teacher or to 5DT in the Wedge by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March.



Thank you for your support!







#### HOW to Brush teeth correctly

- · Guide your child's hand so they can feel the correct movement.
- Use a mirror to help your child see exactly where the brush is cleaning their teeth.
- Make tooth brushing as fun as possible by using an egg timer of stopwatch, remember children should be brushing for 2 minutes in the morning and evening.
- Use short, back-and-forth brushing motions to clean the outsidr and inside surfaces of the teeth, as well as thge chewing surfaces and inside surface of the front teeth.
- Brush along the gum line and the back molars, Brush your tongue to remove bacteria that cause bad breath.
- Ref: NHS

#### WHEN SHOVLD I TAKE MY CHILD TO THE DENSIST?

NHS dental care is free for under 18's. You should take your child to the dentist as soon as is possible. You should then take them regularly, as often as your dental team recommend.

This will let them get used to the noises, smells and surroundings and prepare them for future visits. The earlier these visits start, the more relaxed the children will be.

When you visit the dentist, be positive about it and make the trip fun. This will stop your child worrying about future visits.

#### FIND A LOCAL NHS DENTIST HERE

YOU CAN FIND MORE orAL tiPs AND information on the MHS WEBSITE HERE.

#### BE PROUD



FACT: Oral diseases, such as tooth ecoy (dental caries) and gum isease, can impact every aspect

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ORAL HYGIENE

Dental and oral hygiene is an essential part of your overall health and well-being. Poor oral hygiene can lead to dental cavities and gum disease, and has also been linked to heart disease, cancer and diabetes. World Oral Health day takes place on the 20th March, find helpful resources on oral hygiene on their



#### LIMIT THE SUGAR

Every time you eat or drink anything sugary, your teeth are under acid attack for up to one hour. This is because the sugar reacts with the bacteria in plaque and produces harmful acids. Plague is a build-up of bacteria which forms on your teeth.

It is better to have three or four meals a day rather than lots of snacks. Maintaining healthy teeth and gums is a lifelong commitment. The earlier you learn proper oral hygiene habits, such as brushing, flossing and limiting your sugar intake, the easier it'll be to avoid costly dental procedures and long-term health issues (Health Line 2019)

Although oral health is improving in England, the oral health survey of 5 year olds in 2019 showed that just under a quarter have tooth decay (see the National Dental Epidemiology Programme for England, 2019). Each child with tooth decay will have on average 3 to 4 teeth affected. Public Health England report that in England a child has a rotten tooth removed in hospital every 10 minutes.

For those children at risk, it can happen early in life. The oral health survey of 3 year olds in 2020, found that 11% had visible tooth decay, with on average 3 teeth affected. Ref: Gov.UK

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 International Woman's Day 8th March Nutrition & Hydration Week 13-19th March World Oral Health Day 20th March

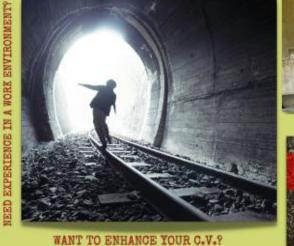






Help teach children to learn how to keep themselves safe! VOLUNTEER WITH US

WE NEED YOU!





OOT 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!

