



The Croft Primary School

Term 1 - Year 3

A warm welcome back and a huge welcome into Key Stage 2

We hope that you have had a wonderful summer break and that you are all rested ready for the new year and term ahead.

This term we are very excited for the geography based topic of Natural Disasters. We will all be learning about a range of different natural disasters alongside how our planet is formed.

In RE our focus question this term will be: What do different people believe about God? Initially focussing on Christians.

In English we will be reading the book *The Pebble in my Pocket* and writing a diary and a fact file.

In science we will be looking at Rocks including their properties, making careful observations, and learning how they are formed. During this, we will also look at fossils and different types of soil.

The topics covered in Maths this term will be numbers and the number system looking at place value: reading, writing, comparing and ordering numbers to 1000; counting in steps of 10, 50 and 100; using our knowledge to solve problems.

In Geography/History we will be looking at types of natural disaster, how and why they happen and locate them on maps.

In art we will be drawing and sketching from nature.

Music— In year 3 the children will have weekly recorder lessons with a specialist music teacher. The children will be provided with a recorder that they will keep in school.

Homework: In year 3, children will receive homework each Friday consisting of spellings, based around a particular spelling rule; either some grammar or maths work; and some phonics work will continue as appropriate. The homework must be completed in their homework book and handed in by the following Wednesday. We will be testing the spellings on the Wednesday of the following week.

NUTS

We would also like to remind you that we are a nut free school and no nuts should be given to children for their snack or lunches.

Dates to remember... Term 1

23rd September Parent Drop in/coffee morning 8:15-9:30 in the Main Hall
25 September - 6 November Beat The Street
30th September Celebration Assembly—Year 3 parents welcome
7th October Dyslexia Awareness week 11/10 No Pen Day
18th October PTA Quiz night
15th and 16th October - Parents Evening (letter to follow)
22nd October last day of term

PE—you will need to bring in your PE kit at the start of each term and leave it at school. Our PE days are Tuesday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor). We will be starting with tennis and fitness.

Reading— We will be encouraging all children to read 5 times a week. All children will be given a levelled book as well as a book of their choice. Please record any reading that your child does, including reading a magazine or newspaper, in their planner.

If you have some spare time and would like to volunteer you would be very welcome to come in and support the children with reading. If you are DBS checked please speak to your class teacher, if not please contact the office.

Please encourage your children to be responsible for their safety in the car park at drop off and pick up times by walking sensibly and respecting the surrounding areas.