



The Croft Primary School

Meet the Year 4 Team:

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Term 2 - Egyptians

Welcome back for another term at The Croft! The year 4 team all hope that you had an amazing break over the October half term and we are looking forward to hearing about all of fantastic trips and holidays and Halloween activities you have been doing. This term, our topic is focussing on the ancient Egyptians. Within this topic, we will be concentrating on top year 4 skills such as subordinate clauses in varying positions, inverted commas and the punctuation used within direct speech and building up a character profile using show not tell skills. We shall be looking at symmetry briefly before moving on to multiplication and division within maths and also a major focus will be times tables. Please ensure that your child is practising these up to 12x12 at home as this is the year of the times tables check which will take place in June. In the afternoons, a second maths lesson will take place daily where we can support those in need and challenge those who understand the morning's concept. In science, our next topic will be based on electricity where we will look at things that run on electricity, how circuits work and how to represent circuits using scientific symbols. In computing, we will be starting every lesson with an important online safety starter before studying digital literacy where we shall be looking at blogging.

In addition to this, we will have our weekly spelling which will be based on a weekly spelling rule that the children's homework will support. We will also be covering weekly RE, PSHE, music and art lessons.

Homework will continue to be given out on a Friday and will be due in on the following Wednesday. It will be 5 reads in the reading record, spellings, maths and reading comprehension. The spelling homework will follow the weekly spelling rule and will involve the children looking at prefixes, suffixes, identifying patterns, finding exceptions and putting the spelling words into sentences. The children will be tested with a 'pot luck' spelling test on Fridays. We ask that reading records are in school daily so that we can monitor children's reading at home. We would like children to read at home at least 5 times per week. This should be recorded in reading records please. We understand that children may not always wish to read their school books and would encourage them to explore a range of reading materials. These could include: fact files, magazines, newspapers, recipes, poetry, fiction and non-fiction texts. Reading records will be checked on Fridays.

Our PE days in year 4 will be on a Monday afternoon for outdoor PE and Tuesday afternoon for indoor PE. Please ensure that your child has a fully labelled PE kit in school each day. Please make sure that long hair is tied back and that non-religious jewellery is removed. Throughout the year, the children will be developing a range of skills during their PE lessons.

We will also continue to enjoy our recorder lessons on a Wednesday morning where we hope all of the children's musical talents will continue to flourish!

Thank you for your support. Please remember we are always available to speak to at drop off and pick up times if you have any questions. We are incredibly excited to begin this next term and work with all of the children!

The year 4 team.

Reminders...

Children can still bring in a healthy snack to have at playtime. Please remember that these snacks should be strictly no nuts due to severe allergies.

We would like to encourage walking whenever possible to minimise traffic and keep our children safe when arriving to and leaving school.

Thank you.

Dates to Remember...

Monday 4th November—Back to school
Monday 4th November—Let's celebrate assembly—Reception parents
Friday 8th November—Remembrance assembly—children can wear poppies
W/C Monday 11th November—Assessment week
Monday 11th November—Let's celebrate assembly—Year 1 parents
Friday 15th November—Pyjama day to support children in need
Monday 18th November—Let's celebrate assembly—year 2 parents
Wednesday 20th November—y4 parents timetables workshop—main hall at 5pm.
Friday 22nd November—Non-uniform day—bring in a tombola prize for Christmas fayre.
Monday 25th November—Let's celebrate assembly—year 3 parents
Thursday 28th November—Tag rugby festival for selected children
Saturday 30th November—Christmas wreath making for parents
Monday 2nd December—Let's celebrate assembly—year 4 parents
Saturday 7th December—Croft Christmas fayre—11-3.
Monday 9th December—Let's celebrate assembly—year 5 parents
Wednesday 11th December—Christmas lunch day/Christmas jumper day
Thursday 12th December—percussion roadshow—1:25pm
Friday 13th December—Non-uniform or Christmas jumpers
Wednesday 18th December—KS2 carol concert at the Deanery (4:30—5:30 and 6:00—7:00)
Thursday 19th December—Christmas party day (Non-uniform or Christmas jumpers)
Friday 20th December—Last day of term—Non school uniform or Christmas jumpers.

