

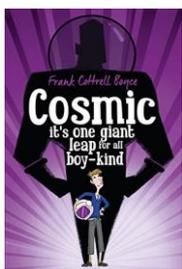


Year 5 Term 4 Newsletter

Welcome to Term 4!

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope you had a fantastic half term break. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back for an exciting term ahead.



We are excited to introduce our new class text to the children this term as we embark on our space topic!

Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce

Our reading and writing lessons will be based around our new text: Cosmic. In writing, the children will be practising and applying the skills required to write both a playscript and a persuasive leaflet for a space-themed theme park. In reading, the children will continue to develop their retrieval, inference, prediction and summarising skills whilst focusing on our class text.

We will continue to master the new formal written methods for multiplication and division which we learnt in maths last term within our fluency sessions, but in our main maths sessions, we will develop an understanding of fractions. We will use a range of manipulatives and visual representations to support our understanding of such an abstract concept. By the end of term, hopefully we will have mastered the skills of adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions. Within this, we will also look at converting between proper and improper fractions before moving onto looking at the links between fractions, percentages and decimals. We will also engage in some practical experiences involving converting between different units of length, mass and capacity towards the end of term.

Within our broader curriculum, we have lots of exciting activities planned! In science, we are studying Earth and Space. The children will describe the movement of the Earth and other relevant planets in relation to the sun in the solar system. Our DT sessions also link to this exciting topic as we will create space-themed designs using levers and linkages. In Geography, we are going to delve further into our understanding of physical geography by looking at rivers, mountains and the water cycle. We will become experts with our map-reading skills. Term 4 also brings an exciting change to the RE curriculum at The Croft with the introduction of Discovery RE. We will be answering the question 'How significant is it for Christians to believe God intended Jesus to die?'. In Computing, we will be continuing to focus on Digital Literacy and our online safety sessions will be based on 'Heath, Wellbeing and Lifestyle. The importance of keeping ourselves fit and heathy will also form the main discussion in our PSHE sessions and we will apply some of these principals in our PE sessions. PE will continue on a Wednesday this term and we will be developing our netball skills. As always, please ensure your child arrives at school wearing a Croft PE kit with all non-religious jewellery removed.

We were really pleased with the children's efforts when completing their homework last term. We have seen the children developing responsibility when recording their homework pages independently and handing it in on time. Homework will continue to be given out on a Wednesday and will be due the following Wednesday. We also ask that reading records are in school daily.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Russell and Miss Mitchard

Meet the Team

Please email the class teacher if there is anything you wish to discuss.

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