



Year 5 Term 5 Newsletter

Welcome to Term 5!

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope you had a lovely Easter Break. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back for another interesting, albeit slightly shorter, term ahead.



**Our class text this term is
The Viewer, by Gary Crew and Shaun
Tan**

**This is an intricate, fantastical tale,
with beautiful illustrations, of a boy
whose obsession with curious
artefacts leads him to discover a
mysterious box.**

Our reading and writing lessons will be based around our new text: The Viewer. The complex story of Tristan and his viewer provides references to historical events, both in the text and wonderful illustrations, and leads to a mystery which will draw the children in. In writing, the children will be practising and applying the skills required to write both an explanation text for a viewer and a sequel to the book. In reading, the children will continue to develop their retrieval, inference, prediction and summarising skills whilst focusing on our class text.

We will practise quick recall for mental calculations with multiplication and division within our fluency sessions, but in our main maths sessions, we will continue our learning and understanding of fractions. We will use and build on our knowledge from last term of fractions, decimals and percentages to calculate with fractions. By the end of term, hopefully we will have mastered the skills of adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions; including, proper, improper and mixed number fractions. Within this, we will challenge the children to complete problem solving activities relating to their learning of fractions.

Within our broader curriculum, we have lots of exciting activities planned! Our DT sessions also link to this exciting topic as we will create our own Zoopraxiscopes which is an early device for displaying moving images.

In science, we are studying Animals and Humans, including a timeline of changes from gestation to old age.

This term we will be investigating a significant event in British history: World War 2. In particular the role of London pre, during and post-World War 2.

In Term 5, we will be continuing the Discovery R.E. curriculum. We will be answering the question 'What is the best way for a Sikh to show commitment to God?'

In Computing, we will focus on Information Technology and use a range of tools within computer-based software to evaluate and analyse data. Our online safety sessions will be based on Online Relationships, including online communities and positive contributions but also how to identify problems and when to get help. The theme of relationships is also explored in our PSHE sessions. Knowing how stand up for themselves, how to negotiate and compromise both in real life and online.

PE will continue on a Wednesday this term and as the warmer weather arrives, we will be developing our cricket and rounders skills. As always, please ensure your child arrives at school wearing a Croft PE kit with all non-religious jewellery removed.

The hard work and effort put in at home for both reading and homework are fantastic to see – thank you for your support. It is great to see the love of reading that children are developing. Homework will continue to be given out on a Wednesday and will be due the following Wednesday. We also ask that reading records are completed and are in school daily.

Meet the Team

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

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