

**Information for Parents**

**Croft Class**

**Autumn 2021**



### Literacy

As Authors we will be writing to inform. We will examine different texts such as newspaper reports, biographies and chronological reports to understand the features they contain and how they are used to inform the reader. We will be learning to use subordinating conjunctions, adverbials of time and how to organise paragraphs with a view to writing a biography as our end piece. We will be using our DERIC skills to answer questions related to our class text 'The Thieves of Ostia,' by Caroline Lawrence.

### History

As Historians, we will be discovering when the Romans came to Devon. The impact the Romans had on Devon. We will explore the evidence we have that showed the Romans were in Devon. Finally, their legacy to us in terms of technology and innovation and what life was like when they returned to Rome.

### Mathematics

As Mathematicians, we will be developing our understanding of number and place value. We will learn how to write, order and compare numbers up to 100,000s for Years 4 and 5, and up to 1,000,000 for Year 6. We will be discovering how to round numbers to the nearest numeral and how we can represent numbers. Lastly, we will learn how to recognise and write Roman numerals. Following on from this, we will be exploring the four operations. In addition to this, we will also be exploring prime numbers and factors

### Science

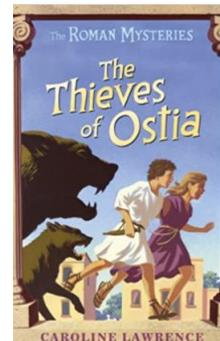
As Scientists, we will be learning about living things and their habitats. We will undertake plant dissections, sketch plant illustrations with detail and labels to learn about sexual and asexual reproduction in flowering plants. We will look closely at insect and amphibian life cycles, to be able to describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird.

### Religious Education

As Philosophers, we will be learning what it means when Christians say God is holy and loving. We will explore how Christians describe God using theological terminology and the interpret the scriptures to find evidence for Christian beliefs.

### Geography

As Geographers, we will learn about counties and cities. Name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, with a focus on the county of Devon. We will explore geographical regions to identifying their human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time.



## Art

As Artists, we will be examining the work of Becky Bettsworth. We will be looking at her sources of inspiration, the history of her style of painting and how she used technology to create her pieces of art. Each week we will learn and practise the skills used by Bettsworth, critiquing, and appraising our work to learn how to make improvements. Finally, we will be taking photographs of our local environment to produce our own piece of art based on the skills we have learnt.

## ICT

As programmers, we will design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goals. Use sequence, selection, and repetition in programs; work with variables and various forms of input and output. We will also use our logical reasoning to explain how some simple algorithms work and to detect and correct errors in algorithms and programs.

## Physical Education

This term we are fortunate to have Spires College return to teach invasion games, including tag rugby and netball. We will focus on basic passing and receiving skills, understand the importance of 'getting free' in order to receive a pass. Learn how to make space by moving away and coming back, and by dodging. Finally, we will practise a range of defending skills and to understand how to mark an opponent.

## Modern Foreign Languages

As linguists, we will be developing a love of languages to encourage students to become curious and interested in the world. Using authentic texts we will embed the skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing in French. This term will be focussed on the sounds used in French pronunciation and learning the names of fruit and how to talk about dates.



## Christian Values

We demonstrate our Christian Values through daily acts of collective worship, singing worship and family group acts of worship. We will be focusing on our values of honesty, respect, friendship and responsibility.

## Music

As musicians, using the piece 'Livin on a prayer,' by Bon Jovi, we will learn about singing and vocal health. Continue to learn about working in a group/band/ensemble. In addition, we will continue to build on our listening skills to appraise this and other pieces of rock music to recognise styles, find the pulse, and recognise instruments.