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# Croft Class

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022

## HOME LEARNING

### Reading

Please encourage the children to bring their reading records to school. It is wonderful to see which books they are reading and to share their favourite characters and stories with them.

### White Rose Maths

For your information, White Rose have released a series of videos with Michael Underwood which are extremely useful for parents. The videos are only 5 minutes long and come with a guide alongside.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/for-parents/maths-with-michael/>

### Times Tables

The class of Croft have logins and passwords to enable them to practise Times Tables Rockstars and Numbots at home. Please encourage this as much as possible. Memorising times tables makes it far quicker and easier for children to work out maths problems in their heads. Moving beyond using their fingers to work out answers, they'll gradually be able to use their knowledge to quickly solve any multiplication questions.



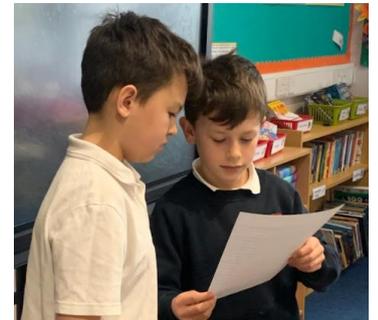
Dear all,

After a grizzly start to the week, it looks like we are finally getting some sunshine, just in time for a special visitor who came to our school on Thursday.

### This Week in Croft

As Mathematicians, we have started a new unit in Fractions. Often approached with a little trepidation, our learners have shown amazing confidence and problem-solving skills. We have explored mixed numbers and improper fractions and moved on to how to find equivalent fractions. There was a collective light bulb moment when their investigation led to the discovery that one quarter was the same as three twelfths. Lovely to see them all blossoming in their mathematical skills.

In English, we have been trying a new approach. We have been learning three new skills a day and the children then engage with a period of 'chotting,' where they brainstorm new vocabulary connected to that skill and share with the rest of class. They write down all their new words, and after a modelled sentence, write their own to include the new vocabulary. We have been using a book called 'The Journey' by Francesca Sanna, about a family affected by war. It uses wonderfully rich vocabulary which had been a real inspiration to the children. By the end, we will have written our own version of the story. This is interspersed with 'experience days,' which this week, was creating our own scripts of overheard adult conversations. The children were delighted to share their work with each other and performed their scripts with the class.



On Thursday, we had a very exciting visitor, Dan Magness, who is a world class Football Freestyler, TV presenter and a multiple Guinness World Record holder. He spent the afternoon teaching the children new football skills and they were able to demonstrate this to each other. The weather was glorious, and they all had a fabulous time. Dan ended the session with a whole school assembly, where he showed the whole school some amazing balancing skills, which included balancing a bike on his forehead, and using different parts of his body to practise 'keepy uppy'. We were all astonished by his performance. To end with, he showed Miss Wright how to roll a ball down one arm and up the other, which was



extremely nerve wracking but loved by all. I'm pleased to say I managed to accomplish this, but certainly requires more practise.

Have a wonderful weekend!  
Miss Wright

Star of the Week!



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For great mathematical reasoning Fleur Morgan

For Respect, Tom Taylor, for modelling great behaviour  
and respect towards our school visitor

**EVERY**day  
counts  
attendance matters

**Attendance**

Our attendance target is 98%

Last week's attendance was 96%  
Let's try and improve next week!

**Dates for your Diary**

14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March – Science Week

15<sup>th</sup> March – Family Support Coffee Morning – all welcome!

21<sup>st</sup> March – Height & Weight Year 6

21<sup>st</sup> March – Cake Sale for Ukraine

23<sup>rd</sup> March – Parent Lunch Day Please see letter attached!

8<sup>th</sup> April – Last day of Term

11<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Easter Holidays

25<sup>th</sup> April – Back to School