



Charleston C of E Academy

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 7th February 2025

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Dear families,

We had a wonderful week at school, highlighted by a visit from the talented author Claire Helen Welsh. It was such a joy to see the children so engaged and excited about reading. Events like these truly enrich our school community and foster a love for literature.

Croft class welcomed visitors who came to observe how our KS2 mixed-age class is structured. Being part of a trust enables us to support and collaborate with other schools by sharing best practices, resources, and expertise. Our visitors were impressed by the teaching methods and the children's engagement and behavior. This collaboration benefits not only our school but also helps to uplift educational standards across the trust.

Looking ahead, we will continue to focus on our value of responsibility. Next week, we will link this theme with the responsible use of the internet as we participate in Safer Internet Day. This is a crucial topic, and we encourage you to discuss it with your children at home as well.

Please join us on Monday for our praise worship at 2:50 PM. It is always a pleasure to come together as a community and celebrate our students' achievements.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Ruston

Dates for the Diary

Monday 10th February- Parents Evening
Tuesday 11th February- Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 12th February- Forest School
Monday 17th February- Friday 21st February HALF TERM
Wednesday 26th February- Parents Evening
Wednesday 5th March- Forest School
Monday 10th March- Friday 14th March- Year 5 and 6 residential
Wednesday 19th March- Forest School
Wednesday 26th March- KS2 CPR training with Jays aim
Wednesday 2nd April- Forest School
Monday 7th April- Monday 21st April Easter Holidays
Tuesday 22nd April- Non-Pupil Day

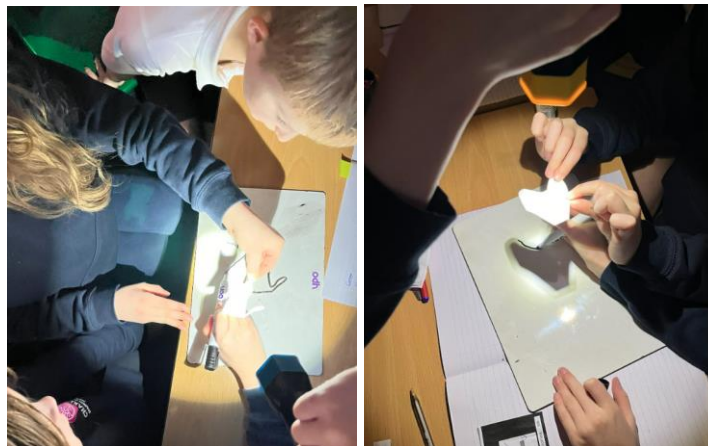
Start Point

On Wednesday, we had a visit from the author Claire Helen Welsh who shared her new book 'The Space Between' with us. The children got to play some games related to the message in the book and to draw the life cycle of a butterfly with the book's illustrator Fiona Lumbers. After the visit from the weavers last week, the children have started their own weaving project! Christopher Columbus and his journey to the Americas has been our history learning this week as we plot his journey through life on a map starting in Italy and ending up in the Americas.



Craft

As scientists, we have been busy exploring sun protection in year 4 where we planned and conducted our own experiment using UV beads and different materials. In Year 5 and 6, we explored shadows and how the position of the light source will change the appearance of the shadow. In writing, we have started to write an adventure story based on Michael Morpurgo's book 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. In our RE lessons, we have been learning about the importance of prayer to Muslims. As Geographers we are learning about the Arctic and Antarctic Circles and were surprised by the fact that during certain times of year they have 24 hours of sunlight or 24 hours of darkness and we thought about the implications that this would have for daily life.



Stars of the Week

Start Point: Wynne for great perseverance with his weaving.

Croft: Lily for always being a kind friend and thoughtful to others in the class.



Values of the Week

Mille for the value of responsibility for her learning.

Noah for the value of respect showing respectful behaviour towards his work.



In school, we uphold the four values of honesty, responsibility, respect and friendship. This half term, we have a focus on responsibility.

Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Our whole school attendance is currently 95.6%

Class attendance is currently:

Start Point Attendance 96.2% Croft Attendance 95.6%

Home Learning – Start Point

Reading – Please read regularly with your child and record in their reading diary.

Spellings – Year 1 and Year 2 – Spelling quiz the following Friday

Start practising 2,3,5,10 times table

Home Learning – Croft

Complete the sheet sent home for Maths and Spellings.

Reading – Please read regularly with your child.

