



Charleston C of E Academy

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 28th February 2025

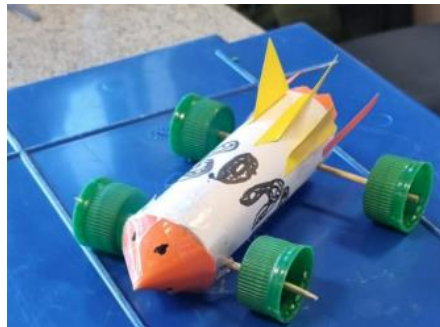
Dear families,

We hope everyone had a relaxing half term despite the rainy days. This week, the children have once again started the term with enthusiasm and energy.

Croft Class have been busy finishing their Lowry-inspired paintings, which they studied before the holidays. Some of the pieces are very impressive and showcase the children's creativity and hard work.



We are proud to announce that our three Year 5 representatives, who have been participating in the KCC physics masterclasses, successfully reached the finals in their mini cart races during their latest session. They are having a great time at these sessions and will be sharing some of their experiences in our upcoming praise worship.



After the Easter holidays, we are thrilled to announce that we will be offering a free 30-minute Breakfast Club (8:00-8:30 each day) to all pupils in the school. Please keep an eye out for more details over the coming weeks.

Finally, please join us next week for our Praise Worship on Monday afternoon at 2:50 pm where we will celebrate the stars of the week. We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards,

Mrs Ruston

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 5th March- Forest School
Thursday 6th March- World Book Day
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
Thursday 3rd April- Easter Service at St Mary's 2:30pm
Monday 7th April- Monday 21st April Easter Holidays
Tuesday 22nd April- Non-Pupil Day

Start Point

"The Eagle has landed!", these famous words spoken by Neil Armstrong, captivated the children this week as we learned about the part Neil Armstrong played in the 1969 moon landing. We watched TV footage and discussed primary and secondary sources of information. The EYFS children have been busy this week creating symmetrical patterns using paint and objects. As mathematicians, we have continued our learning on multiplication and division with KS1 and we have been learning about arrays. Easter is our RE learning this half term for both KS1 and EYFS and this week we have sequenced the Easter story and made palm leaves. We explored axles and wheels this week in D&T looking at how these mechanisms work.



Craft

This week the children have been painting and evaluating their work of art. They enjoyed exploring the textures of their oil painting and using different tools to add details. In DT, the children have been thinking about different food groups. This information will help them over the half term as they design and make their own pizzas.

As writers we have come to our independent piece of writing, an adventure narrative based around Michael Morpurgo's *Kensuke's Kingdom*. All children have produced some incredible work, we definitely have some budding young authors in the class.

In Geography this week, we channeled our inner weather forecasters and presented a forecast from our chosen tropical location around the world. We thought very carefully about the

rainfall, temperature and humidity as well as what type of wildlife and plant life may exist there because of the climate.

In French we have started learning about the different food and drink you may choose at a cafe. The children were able to recognise many of the words as 'cognates,' which is where a word has the same linguistic derivation as another. We found this really helped our learning.

For example: cafe = coffee or jus d'orange = orange juice.

Stars of the Week

Start Point: Mille and Oakley for starting to use joined up writing

Croft: Primrose for always putting her hand up and her brilliantly, creative sentences in writing this week.



Values of the Week

Ivy – for the value of friendship. Ivy will think of others and include them in her play.

Elijah – for the value of friendship, always helping others around the classroom and being kind to all.



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Our whole school attendance is currently 95.2%

Class attendance is currently:

Start Point Attendance 96.4% Croft Attendance 94.8%

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

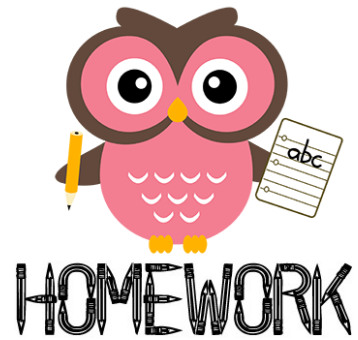
Start practising 2,3,5,10 times table



Home Learning – Croft

Complete the sheet sent home for Maths and Spellings.

Reading – Please read regularly with your child.



WORLD BOOK DAY COSTUME SWAPS

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

6 MARCH 2025

DONATE, SWAP OR REHOME
PRE-LOVED COSTUMES FOR
WORLD BOOK DAY 2025

NO COST, NO WASTE, NO FUSS



**Libraries
Unlimited**


**Recycle
Devon**



FAMILY SUPPORT SESSION SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD ON THEIR READING JOURNEY WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH 2-3PM ON ZOOM



Ilsham National English Hub would like to invite you to attend a **FREE** session to support you with helping your child at home in their reading journey.

During this free, hour-long session, The Ilsham National English hub team will be sharing videos and practical solutions to support practice at home. The focus will be on supporting your child to become an expressive fluent reader. This session is targeted at families (including grandparents), carers, childminders and before/after school provision workers. It is designed to support children from pre school age up to the end of Key Stage One (Year 2). Please note, this session will not be recorded.

Any questions or queries please contact:
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