



Crawford Primary School Weekly Update 23rd October 2020

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The Wee Class Newsletter Term 2



Welcome back after our October Break! It sounds like all of the children have had a nice time off, it was lovely hearing all of their holiday news on Monday.

We are already hard at work and back into the school routines.

In Literacy last term the P1's have been learning the first 13 sounds in the alphabet. They can already read, spell and write lots of 3 letter words using them. This term they will move on, learning all of the single alphabet sounds by Christmas. The P1 reading books now have words in them and they are enjoying 'real' books with Kipper, Chip and Biff as the main characters.

P2 and P3 did lots of catch-up and Literacy revision last term. They have made huge improvements in their spelling and writing. This term they will restart their spelling programmes, with words to learn at home and a Friday spelling test.

All of the children now have access to a Chrome book in school and have learned to log in themselves (P1's still need a little help!) and are enjoying Sumdog, ReadingWise, Easimaths and Doorway on Line.

In Numeracy this term, P2's will be doing work on subtraction. P3 will start to learn their times tables, which they are quite excited about! P1's will start work on addition to 10. Miss McCartney will work with the whole class on money. Mrs Macarthur and Mrs Nunes continue to work with the children every day on numbers bonds, common/tricky words and Codecracker.

Our Fairyland topic is now sadly finished. The children just loved it – and I had forgotten just how many well-loved and traditional Fairy Tales there were. The children were really captivated by the magic of dragons, castles and happy ever after endings.

Our new topic in Term 2 is Farming. We have already talked about how much they know about farming and the children have made an ever-increasing wish list of things/ways they want to learn in this topic. We are in the process of building a huge play farm with fields, dykes and fencing.

In Term 2, our focus will continue to be on Health and Well Being. As well as lessons on mental well-being and resilience we continue to do 2 hours of P.E. per week. Our P.E. days will still mean we will be using the MUGA so please dress your children warmly on Thursdays and Fridays.

Can I thank you for all that you continue to do to support your children with their learning at home. It really does make a difference to their classroom progress.

As always, if you have any queries just give me a ring in school.

Kindest regards

Mrs Wales

Forest School October visit



Our first visit of 2020 to Fairy Gate Wood was a half day only. Although we missed toasting our sandwiches over the fire at lunch time - it was a real treat to return to school for Joanne's hot soup, fish and chips! At the wood, The Big Class helped trample all of the overgrown branches so that we could safely get to the fire circle. We all then did a Health and Safety sweep of the wood. Our two activities were making clay faces and making toast (and jam) over the camp fire. We can't wait for our next session on 6th November.









Star Award Winners



This week's Star of the Week Awards go to: -

P1-3: - Cooper Wilson for his excellent and detailed recount of his holiday week.

P4-7: - Sophie Hogg for her excellent Autumn Poem

Congratulations to you both!

Mrs Orr is looking forward to her Bingo Ball Blether with James and Poppy next week.

P4-7 News



Curriculum Newsletter for Term 2, P4-7

In Maths this term we will be continuing to practise number skills as well as completing units of work on Time, Fractions, Decimals and Percentages. We are continuing to learn our multiplication tables in the hope of becoming a shooting star very soon. In Literacy each reading group has been given their new novel. The children will read at home and will complete Tools for Reading activities in school. Mrs Wood and Mrs Nunes really enjoy listening to the pupils reading as a group too. We will be working on poetry, in writing, as well as imaginative stories. Autumn, Hallowe'en, Bonfire Night and Christmas will be the focus of our writing. This term we will be doing a Global Storylines topic "Our Crop, our Land". Watch this space to find out what it is all about. In P.E. we are starting the term with Volleyball. So far all the pupils are enjoying learning the skills and have even had a go at playing a full game. The pupils have requested blocks of basketball and football next. The children will continue the Youth Music Initiative online with Mr Johnstone. Miss McCartney will teach French, Health and Wellbeing, Science and Art this term. She will also incorporate outdoor learning and ICT into the work she is doing with the pupils. We now have enough Chrome books for everyone in class. The children are whizz kids at logging on and accessing their activities. They will be introduced to new programmes to help them in their learning. It was great to have all the children back in school after the holiday. Here's to a great term!



1 - Our class novel this term is "Granny" by Anthony Horowitz. We all drew characters from the story and are looking forward to hearing what they get up to in the book.



2 - Here are some of the P7s hard at work playing Dictionary Race. This activity helps to practise the week's spelling words and improves dictionary skills- a double whammy!



3 - Music lessons are continuing with Mr Johnstone this term. This week we were learning Notation- the names of the musical notes.

School News



Our children are already back into the swing of school and are working hard in class and enjoying the companionship of their peers. They had a wonderful half day in Fairygate Wood on our first Forest school event of the year which looked great fun. It is unfortunate that Covid-19 has removed many of our activities that our staff and children would normally do. Halloween is a prime example of this. However we have organised an activity and craft afternoon on Fri 30th October to compensate. Pupils can wear casual clothes that day but please no Halloween costumes or make up.

Interim Reports

Normally we would be preparing for our parents appointment afternoon in November but we are still not allowed to have visitors in school so the teachers are preparing a report for each child documenting how well they have settled in school after the lockdown and their general attitude to learning. This year the report will be sent by email to parents. I would be grateful if you could use

the link with the report to feedback to the school your thoughts as well as your child's reaction to the comments.

Newsletters

The newsletter sent through Sway has been successful and more up to date than the monthly newsletters sent out previously. I intend to continue with these Sway letters every fortnight. I would welcome feedback through email

Communication

As we are moving into Winter it is important that the school has up to date contact for parents so please keep the school office informed if your contact details change. Please also download the school app as this is my 'go to' place to push out information quickly to keep you informed. Download from app store School App for Parents. Search for Crawford Primary School. Username is CPS and pin code is 4686

Parent Council



Staff are keen for the Parent Council to restart. Meetings will need to be on-line through a platform such as Zoom or Microsoft Teams. Our Parent Council membership is sorely depleted (2 members one of which no longer has a pupil in school) and urgently needs parents to step up. Your school needs you. Please consider supporting your Parent Council.

Email: gw14crawfordpsht2@glow.sch.uk if you able to help.

Thank you to the 3 parents on board so far. Any more takers?

Diary

Fri 23rd Oct - Flu vaccinations
Day

Fri 6th Nov - Forest School - whole day

Mon 16th Nov - Inset Day - no pupils

Fri 30th Oct - Halloween Craft / Dress Down

Wed 11th Nov - Interim Reports out