



Crawford Primary School Weekly Update 30th April 2021

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Summer Term Newsletter

Summer Term is upon us and so far the lovely weather is meaning we can be outdoors as often as possible at school.

We are all hard at work already and everyone is very focussed and determined to complete all of their tasks.

In Numeracy our class focus this term will be fractions. As well as dividing shapes up into halves, thirds, quarters etc we will also be dividing quantities. For the older children this will be a chance to apply their times tables. We will also spend some time looking at symmetry, which will include some cool symmetry art ideas.

In Literacy this term our class focus will be on non-fiction reading and writing.

Non-fiction (fact) books need a particular set of skills that are very different to reading a story all the way through. The children will be practising skimming/scanning for information, using indexes and contents pages and using reference books and the internet to find out facts.

Summer Term Newsletter

Our new topic is based on the series of books by Rhonda and David Armitage – The Lighthouse Keeper.

We've got a whole series of fun activities planned which include making ziplines/pulleys (technology) learning how an electrical circuit works to make a light glow (Science) finding out about lighthouses around the UK (History) and researching famous sea stories (Grace Darling, The Mystery of Flannan Isle). I'll try to keep you up-to-date with photographs in the SWAY newsletters but I'm sure the children will talk to you about what they have been doing as well.

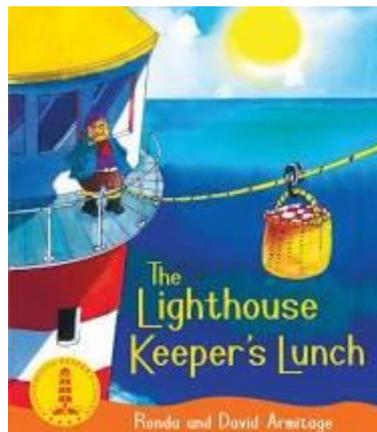
As always, we'll be doing PE twice a week (Thursdays and Fridays). We'll be learning the skills involved in athletics/track and field events and having a look at how these are used in the Olympic Games.

This is my last term at Crawford before I retire so I'm relishing every day with the children and determined to make it as enjoyable a term as possible – for them and me! As always, any queries, drop me an e-mail or give the school a ring.

Kindest Regards

Mrs Wales

Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch



We are enjoying exploring the topic with outside play, sand play and drawing using the new iPads. The ziplines were our favourites!









Star Award Winners



Star of the Week Awards go to: - 23rd April 2021

P1-3: - Alec Walkinshaw for good independent working

P4-7: - Ellie Taylor for very good organisational skills and independent working 29th April 2021 **P1-3: Alec & Thora** for working well together to make a zip line. **P4-7: Carla** for excellent research on brown bears and working on Sumdog in her own time.



1 - Ellie.



2 - Alec



3 - Alec & Thora. Zip line creators!

Bingo Ball Blethers

We had three bonus ball blethers this week as I had read 21 as 12 by mistake which meant two from the same class so we chose another pupil. Mrs Orr needs to return to the wee class!!! Poppy and Lucy joined me for juice and biscuits on Monday. Both girls told me how much they prefer learning in school as it is easier with teachers and pupils to help if they need it. It was a pleasure chatting with them. Carla was absent but Mrs Orr will catch up with her another time when she chats to Jack and Rosie.

P4-7 Weekly News





4 - Our first session of cross country at the park went really well this week. Carlos was the highest scorer with 17 laps in 15 minutes, a great personal best.



5 - Stretching off after cross country



6 - Stretch time



7 - Feel the burn



8 - More energy



9 - Team work makes the dream work



10 - The characters of our class novel



11 - Ellie coordinated the planning of this frieze

Curriculum Newsletter

P4-7

Term 4, 2020/21

It is wonderful to be back in school and I am looking forward to a full last term with the children. We will make it as fun and busy as we can, appreciating being together. I hope the P7 pupils will take away many happy memories of their last term at primary school.

I would like to say a big thank you for all your hard work and support that you gave to the pupils during this second period of home learning. It is very much appreciated and I was very impressed with the engagement in Google Classroom. It wasn't easy for anyone but you all gave it your best shot. I really appreciate the commitment your children showed to their schoolwork during this time.

In Maths, after some number revision, we will be studying Angle, Symmetry and Transformation; Data Analysis and end of unit assessments. Tables work and mental maths strategies will be ongoing. Pupils will be using the new I pads and Chrome books to access new learning opportunities.

In Literacy, we will be working on a Talk for Writing project "Doors- the World of Possibility". We will also be writing poetry and completing writing activities connected to our topic "Wolf Brother's Wildwoods". Pupils will be working on their handwriting skills with daily handwriting being reintroduced. Each reading group will be working on their new novel and will complete Tools for Reading activities related to the book. Daily spelling activities will be ongoing.

Our topic this term is a unit study based on the novel "Wolf Brother" by Michelle Paver. The novel is set in Mesolithic times and reveals much about the lives of hunter-gatherers in Scotland 10,000 years ago. The topic brings this period in time to life through a series of woodland and classroom learning activities. I am sure the pupils will enjoy the novel and the outdoor learning activities related to it. We will be visiting Fairy Gate Wood a few times as part of this topic for various learning activities but plenty notice will be given of these visits so pupils can dress accordingly.

P.E. this term will be Fitness, Cross Country and Athletics. Obviously there will not be a Cross Country championship this year but we will organise our own competition to inspire the pupils to do their best in this activity.

Miss McCartney will continue to teach Art, Science, French, RME and parts of Health and Wellbeing this term.

I am really looking forward to working with the pupils face to face for this term.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Joyce Wood

School News



We are all so pleased to be back in school after our two week Spring break. The children are already working hard with their learning and enjoying each other's support and company. Unfortunately Mrs MacArthur has not been able to return yet as she has had a fall and now has a brace on her leg meaning she is unable to weight-bear for 6-8 weeks. We wish her a speedy recovery as we miss her loads. Mrs Nunes and myself with the help of the TL at Leadhills are filling the gap so bear with us if we don't answer the telephone or the door to you as quickly as we would normally do.



**FIVE SISTERS GARDEN CENTRE IS
COMING TO OUR COMMUNITY**

HOLD THE DATE – 5TH JUNE 2021

Crawford & Elvanfoot Community Council are pleased to say that arrangements are in place for the Five Sisters Garden Centre to visit our Community on June 5th.

Further details will be announced along the way however hold the date in your diary. This will be a great opportunity to support the Zoo and purchase your bedding plants / veg plants / shrubs / trees / compost/ bark / hanging baskets / tubs etc.

Similar to last year there will be a large selection to choose from but if there is anything specific that you are looking for or need for your garden projects you can contact the Zoo direct, and they will bring on the day for you. This can be done via their website or by phoning the Zoo direct.

**Any questions or assistance with your orders please contact Adele (Five Sisters ZOO) 01506 870000
Candice (C&E CC) 07958807900 or email candicecunningham955@gmail.com**

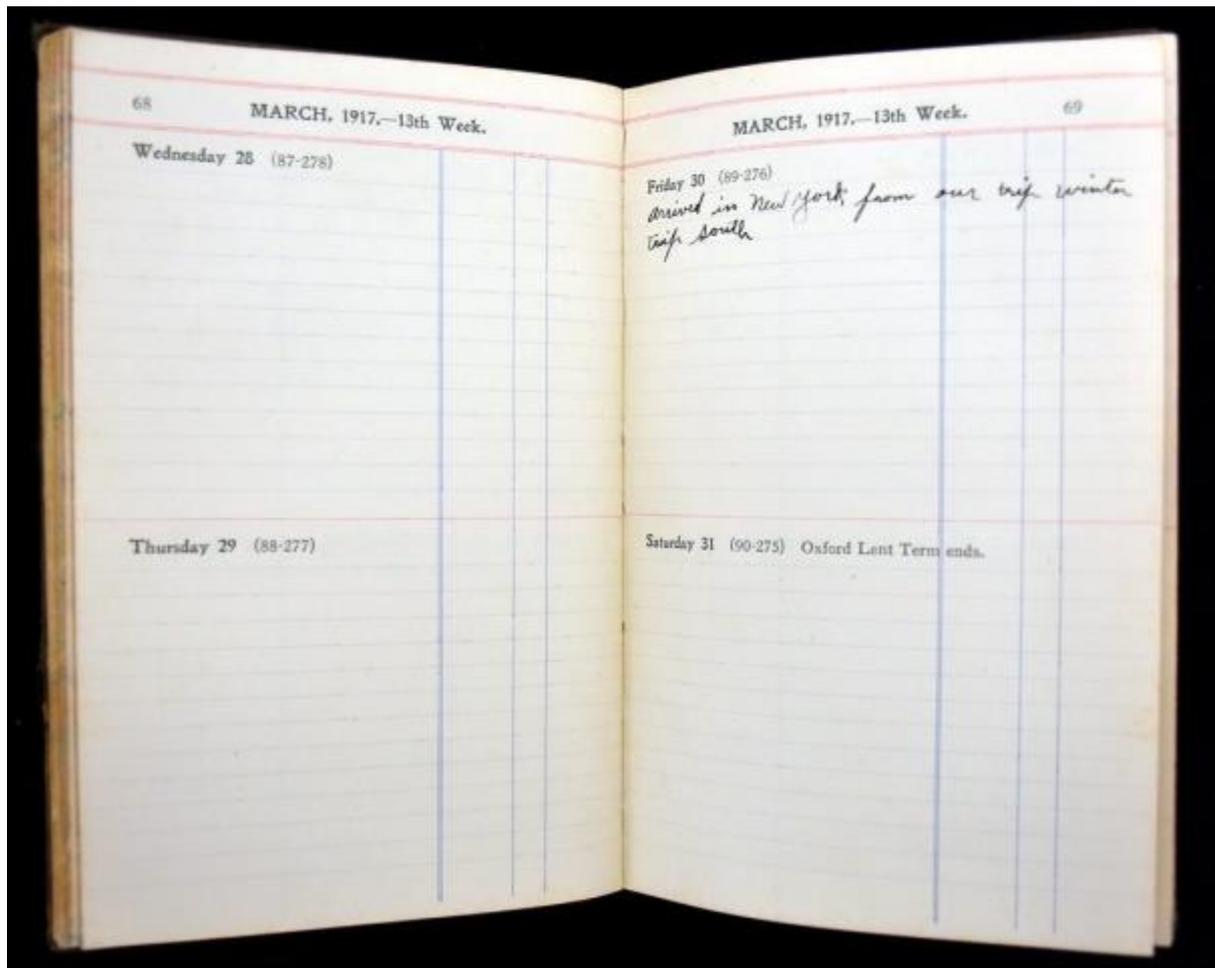


Parent Council



School Roll Our latest meeting of the Parent Council which was open to all parents was not well attended. Unfortunately Andrew-the chair- had some sad news from SLC regarding the school. From August we will, no longer have two full time teachers due to the fall in our school roll. However SLC have stated that we will be given rural additionality of 0.5 which means an extra teacher for 1/2 the week. My personal hope is that we can identify a teacher willing to come in every morning to support numeracy and literacy in particular. SLC also stated that if our roll increases to 20 or above they will make it two classes with two teachers again. It was agreed, that although disappointing, we have to accept the situation given that the roll had dropped further since the last meeting. **School Improvement Plan** I intimated that I would be consulting parents with regard to our School Improvement Plan which has been all about recovery and remote / blended learning this year. What would parents like the school to focus on next session? If you have an opinion on that please feel free to email me at gw14crawforpsht2@glow.sch.uk We will give all feedback consideration when we are putting together our School Improvement plan for next session. **Pupil Equity Fund** I will be forming a consultative committee in August with parents and pupils to discuss how the school spends our Pupil Equity Funding. Our school has an allocation from the Government and 5% of this fund has to be spend according to the wishes of all stakeholders. If you would like to be a part of this group please contact the school via email. I would be very grateful if parents would step forward for this role. **Next Meeting** Our next meeting is planned for Mon 31st May at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The link will be emailed closer to the date. I would love to see the majority of our parents there.

Diary



Mon 3rd May- Holiday
& Mon 24th May- Holiday
1p.m.

Thursday 6th May - Inset Day (no pupils) Fri 21st May
Fri 11th June - Reports issued Thurs 24th June - School Closes at