



# The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 1

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to term 4....I hope that you had an enjoyable half term break and enjoyed a week of not being the teacher.

## Return to school update

I am sure that many of you were pleased about the announcements made earlier in the week related to the gradual easing of lockdown; it seems as if we are moving in the right direction. Part of that easing is the reopening of schools to everyone again from 8th March. Whilst we understand that many of you may still have reservations and anxieties, the government's expectation is that ALL children, apart from those who have been advised to shield by a GP, should attend school from 8th March.

As a school, I can assure you that nothing has really changed since your child was in last. The most noticeable change is that staff are now wearing face coverings in the more communal areas eg corridors, staff room, office and at times in the classroom and on the playground. All other routines and procedures remain in place and you will have received guidance on this hopefully (if not, you will do shortly).

## First day back—art well being day

The arts are a fantastic tool for supporting well being and mental health; they have a strong impact on a community feel and can take away any anxieties over the fear of not being able to do it. On the first day of term, we will be using resources from 'Place 2 be', a children's mental health website to deliver art activities, which will also allow the children to think about their emotions and feelings. We hope to then be able to display as much of this art around the school as possible to brighten it up and celebrate that we are all back together again.

## Literacy first week

In literacy for the first week back, we will be looking at writing a poem based on our remote learning experiences. This is part of the Dartford Football Clubs verse competition. It will allow us time to discuss with the children their experiences of remote learning and how it feels to be back in school. We will also be promoting neat handwriting and presentation during this process, hopefully again displaying many of the poems around the school.

## ST-ART weeks

The afternoons of the first couple of weeks will be focussed on either art or DT (there may be some other learning before this part of the afternoon). There will also be PE taught.

We hope that with these plans, we can ensure your child re-engages with school life, enjoying it, feeling happy, safe and ready to learn.

Please do continue with your child's remote learning for the remainder of the time they are at home. We understand that remote learning remains challenging for all but please do encourage your child to keep being a Craylearner and complete some of the tasks set in their final week at home.

Have a lovely weekend all—enjoy any sunshine we may get.

Mr Hiscock—Headteacher

## Important dates

8/3	All children return
1/4	End of term 4
19/4	Start of term 5
3/5	Bank Holiday
27/5	End of term 5
28/5	INSET day

## Fair trade day

Thank you to Mrs Francis for leading on the Fairtrade day today.

We hope the children have enjoyed engaging in the activities.

## Last Parent surgery

On Monday afternoon Mrs Cox will be making herself available to talk to anyone who wants to express any concerns related to returning to school.

She will be setting up a zoom call from 1.30pm until 3pm and will let individuals in one at a time to talk to you.

We will send out the zoom details on Monday.

# Contact us

We are still working and will be contactable in the following ways...

School office (open as long as the school is open)  
enquiries@craylands.kent.sch.uk or 01322 388230

Pupil premium support team (for any queries related to safeguarding, wellbeing etc)

kcox@craylands.kent.sch.uk

SENCO (for any queries related to special educational needs)  
ystone@craylands.kent.sch.uk

Headteacher (if you need to make contact with a staff member, ask for advice with work,  
ask for more information)

Headteacher@craylands.kent.sch.uk

Twitter—follow us for updates  
@craylands

www.craylands.kent.sch.uk—will be updated regularly

## Safeguarding contacts

If a child may be at risk of immediate harm, you should call the integrated front door on:

03000 411111 (office hours)

03000 419191 (out of hours)

Or call the police 999

NSPCC Helpline 0808 800 5000

Child line 0800 11 11

# Useful Links

Times Tables Rockstars

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>

Maths games and activities

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/maths/index.html>

Literacy games and activities

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/literacy/index.htm>

A search engine for link for a range of subjects

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

KS1 Bitesize

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z3g4d2p>

KS2 Bitesize

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn>

Reading comprehensions

<https://www.englishmaven.org/Pages/Reading%20Comprehension.htm>

Phonics Play

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

KS1 maths and literacy activities

<http://www.ictgames.com/>

Science links

<https://www.schoolscience.co.uk/teacher-zone/resources/online-resources/primary-science>

Mental health resources

<https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/resources/?Audience=Children>

Cosmic Yoga

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>

Meditation for young children

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsSS5kMpKCaJ\\_HhTM9-HKHg/featured](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsSS5kMpKCaJ_HhTM9-HKHg/featured)

Supermovers

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers>

# Remote reading



Here are some links to websites which provide access to e-books—the next best thing to an actual reading book during these times of remote learning.

EPIC books online

[Epic | The Leading Digital Library for Kids | Unlimited Access to 40,000 of the Best Children's Books & Learning Videos \(getepic.com\)](https://www.getepic.com/)

Online children's story books

<http://www.magickeys.com/books/>

Free e-reading book

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

Free children's stories online

<https://www.freechildrenstories.com/>

Oak National Academy Virtual Library

<https://library.thenational.academy/>

# Times Tables Rockstars



Last week's results....	This week's battles.....
<p>Elmer vs Stickman 5534 6492 STICKMAN WINS!</p> <p>Funnybones vs Gruffalo 14643 13328 FUNNYBONES WINS!</p> <p>Dahl vs Horowitz 19185 7094 DAHL WINS!</p> <p>Morpurgo vs Walliams 11,673 7295 MORPURGO WINS!</p> <p>Simon vs Wilson 32902 5290 SIMON WINS!</p>	<p>Elmer vs Funnybones</p> <p>Dahl vs Wilson</p> <p>Stickman vs Gruffalo</p> <p>Morpurgo vs Horowitz</p> <p>Simon vs Walliams</p>

## TOP 3 PLAYERS IN EACH CLASS

<p><b><u>Elmer</u></b> Evie G Olivia C Amelia-Rose</p>	<p><b><u>Funnybones</u></b> Alexander Chika Inika</p>	<p><b><u>Stickman</u></b> Aria Finley Oscar J</p>	<p><b><u>Gruffalo</u></b> Chidera Fawaz Tristan</p>	<p><b><u>Dahl</u></b> Sami Harrison Matthew</p>
<p><b><u>Wilson</u></b> Oliver J Eva P Eva L</p>	<p><b><u>Walliams</u></b> Ben Bradley Poppy</p>	<p><b><u>Simon</u></b> Freddie Selina Tristan</p>	<p><b><u>Horowitz</u></b> Ethan Jessica S Max FK</p>	<p><b><u>Morpurgo</u></b> Joe Ben Bethany</p>

### **Achievements:**

Congratulations to Michael in Horowitz Class who obtained two Microsoft certificates of coding (one for Minecraft and one for App development) during the half-term break.