



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 1

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year....I hope you managed to enjoy the festive break and that Covid did not manage to ruin your plans and you got the opportunity to spend some family time together.

Covid

A new year but we are still very much in a pandemic and there are a number of children off currently after testing positive over the Christmas break, with some children still awaiting PCR results—any confirmed PCR results from children who have been in school, I will of course let you know.

Last night, there were changes announced to the use of PCR tests. From 11th January, next Tuesday, anyone including children, who tests positive on a LFD test should begin their 10 day self isolation—they do not need to get a PCR test to confirm. On day 6, another LFD test can be taken and if negative, a further test should be taken 24 hours later on day 7. If this is negative, you can leave self isolation earlier. If day 6 is positive, you should take it on day 7 and 8 and if negative, you can leave isolation. We would suggest that you take the test early on day 6 so that if it is negative, you can take another early on day 7 and if that is negative, your child can return to school on that day. However, if your child is still exhibiting symptoms on days 6 and 7, they should not return to school until the 10 day isolation has ended.

If you or your child exhibits symptoms, you should still get a PCR test instead of using an LFD test.

If you are ever in doubt, please make contact with us and we will do our best to advise.

PE

The days on which your child needs to wear their PE kits to school are as follows:

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| Monday | Dahl |
| Tuesday | Y6 Wilson |
| Wednesday | Y4 Stickman Horowitz |
| Thursday | Gruffalo Fine |
| Friday | Y1 |

A reminder that hooped earrings should NOT be worn at school ever; if your child wears earrings on a PE day, they should either be able to remove them themselves OR bring earring tape in to cover them up. The earrings should be flat studs only.

Clubs

We will be sending out details regarding clubs next week; you will need to sign up again for this term. Clubs will commence week commencing 17th January and will run until week ending 21st March. There are some restrictions on what can be offered this term due to Covid and we hope you understand this.

Important dates

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| 10/1 | INSET DAY—staff training |
| 26/1 | Year 1 parents/carers reading/phonics workshop 9a.m. details to follow |
| 2/2 | Year 2 parents/carers reading workshop 9a.m. details to follow |
| 7/2 | Children's mental health week |
| 8/2 | Safer Internet day—online safety parents workshop 9a.m.—details to follow |
| 11/2 | End of term 3 |
| 21/2 | Start of term 4 |
| 24/2 | Year 4 & 5 residential zoom information session 4.15p.m. |
| 3/3 | World Book Day—dressing up details to follow |
| 20/3 | Last week of clubs |
| 30/3 | Year 1 parents evening early times |
| 31/3 | Parents evening Year 1 parents evening (late times) |
| 1/4 | End of term 4 |
| 19/4 | Start of term 5 |
| 24/4— 27/4 | Years 4 & 5 residential |
| 27/5 | End of term 5 |

INSET DAY

A reminder that Monday 10th January is an INSET day and the children are not in school.

The children will return on Tuesday 11th January.

Wishing you and enjoyable weekend—Mr Hiscock

EYFS NEWS



Our topic this term is called 'Once upon a time ...' This week the children have immersed themselves in the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff, stomping around as big mean trolls and trip trapping over bridges.

In Numeracy they have explored the different ways to make 5 through target games.

Sadly, we lost one of our class guinea pigs over the holidays. The children have responded sensitively to this and we have had lots of talk time around this learning experience.

Dolly, our remaining guinea pig is pleased to be back at school with the children.

Check the Friday Memo on Tapestry for what's coming up next week.

Arts and cultural challenges



| Date | Activity idea |
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| THIS WEEK'S ART CHALLENGE | <p>In January, the Big Garden Birdwatch is taking place.</p> <p>This week's challenge is to try to draw a bluebird.</p> <p>Upload your pictures onto Class Dojo.</p> <p>https://youtu.be/hgKIyhLUW6M</p> |



What have the Craylearners been learning about this week?

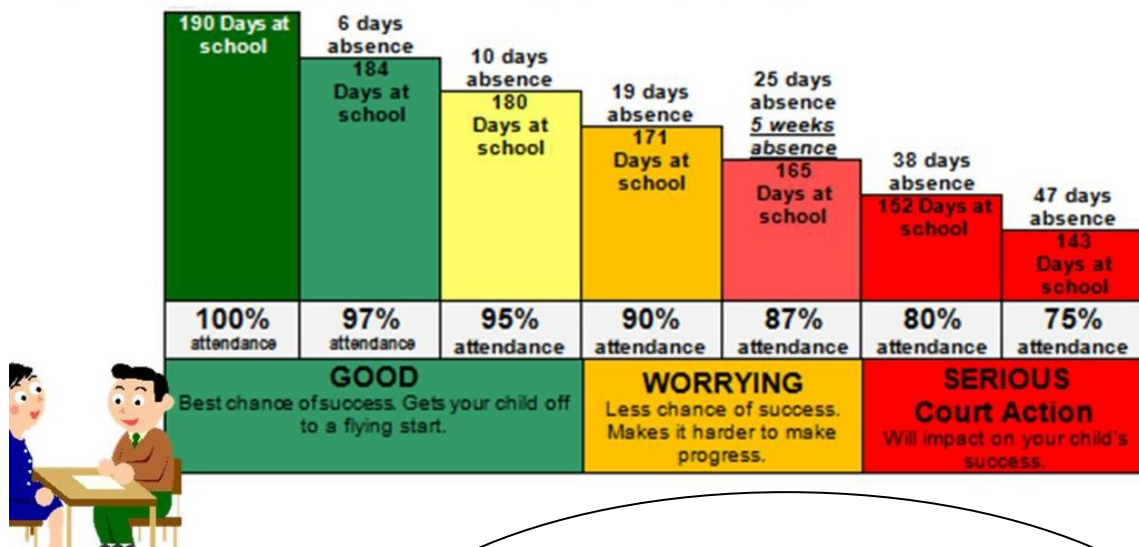
Ask your child to show you their learning from this week at home.

| Year group | Maths | Spag |
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| EYFS | | |
| Elmer / Funnybones | Addition Spring1.2.1 - Add by counting on activity on Vimeo | Nouns and adjectives What are nouns? - BBC Bitesize |
| Gruffalo/ Stickman | Multiplication Spr2.1.1 - Recognise equal groups on Vimeo | Adjectives and suffixes What are suffixes? - BBC Bitesize |
| Dahl/Wilson | Multiplication Spr3.1.1 - Consolidate 2 4 and 8 times-tables on Vimeo | Word classes To explore word class (thenational.academy) |
| Walliams/Simon | Multiplication and division Spr4.1.1 - 11 and 12 times-table on Vimeo | Prepositions What is a preposition? - BBC Bitesize |
| Horowitz/Fine | Multiplication Spr5.1.3 - Multiply 4-digits by 1-digit on Vimeo | Adjectives and adverbs To explore the functions of fronted adverbials (thenational.academy) |
| Morpurgo | Decimals Spr.6.1.1 - Decimals up to 2 d.p on Vimeo | Word classes To revise our knowledge of word class (thenational.academy) |

What are we learning this term?
What vocabulary will we be learning?

| | LITERACY | NUMERACY | STAR | SCIENCE |
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| YEAR 1 | The magic porridge pot | Addition and subtraction within 20 Add Subtract Altogether Total difference | Has where we live always been like this? house television Internet King Queen stereo gramophone fire place old/antique new/modern | <u>Everyday materials</u> Types of materials: wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, rock, brick, fabric, sand, paper, flour, butter, milk, soil Properties of materials: hard/soft, stretchy/not stretchy, shiny/dull, rough/smooth, bendy/not bendy, transparent/not transparent, sticky/not sticky |
| YEAR 2 | The papaya that spoke | Multiplication and division groups of lots of share | How did the Victorians change nursing? Florence Nightingale Crimean War Nurse Soldier Lamp Turkey Scutari Wounded diseases germs | <u>Animals including humans</u> Classification - Birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals and invertebrates Classification - Carnivores, herbivores, omnivores |
| YEAR 3 | Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura | Multiplication and division groups of lots of share Arrays Money | What was life like in the Stone Age? Stone age flint Pre-history carbon dating hunter Homo-Sapiens fossil archaeologist palaeontologist anthropologist Neanderthal | <u>Rocks</u> Names of rocks – Chalk, limestone, granite, basalt, sandstone, flint, slate, shale, marble Types of rock – Sedimentary, metamorphic, igneous |
| YEAR 4 | Thieves of Ostia by Caroline Lawrence | Multiplication and division groups of lots of share Arrays Area | Why did the Romans invade Britain? What was the legacy of the Roman invasion on Britain? Romulus Remus Aeneas Latin Romans Republic Emperor democracy tribune | <u>Electricity</u> Appliances: fridge, freezer, TV, computer, iron, kettle, etc Series circuit Components: battery, bulb (lamp), bulb (lamp) holder, buzzer, crocodile clip, leads, wires, Switches – open, close |
| YEAR 5 | Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo | Multiplication and division groups of lots of share Arrays | What happened after the Romans left Britain? Vikings Anglo Saxons long boat Bayeux Tapestry runes Offa's Dyke thatched house Alfred the Great | <u>Forces</u> Gravity Friction air resistance Upthrust |
| YEAR 6 | Holes by Louis Sachar | Decimals Tenths Hundredths Thousandths Percentages | During which Queen's reign was the most progress made – Elizabeth 1 or Victoria? Sir Francis Drake colonisation steam engine Industrial revolution monarchy Great Exhibition inventors Tudors Victorians trade | <u>Electricity</u> Electricity Volts Series circuit Components: battery, bulb (lamp), bulb (lamp) holder, buzzer, crocodile clip, leads, wires, switch Conductor, Insulator |

Attendance



To be a Craylearner, you need to be in school every day!
100% is what I really want to see!
Less than 96% means you will struggle to be a Craylearner!

| Class | Attendance this week | Number of children off this week |
|------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Elmer | 86.6% | 5 |
| Funnybones | 96.2% | 2 |
| Gruffalo | 92.5% | 4 |
| Stickman | 89.1% | 8 |
| Dahl | 87.5% | 5 |
| Wilson | 94.1% | 4 |
| Simon | 90.8% | 5 |
| Walliams | 96.6% | 1 |
| Fine | 95.8% | 2 |
| Horowitz | 86.6% | 8 |
| Morpurgo | 87.9% | 5 |

WELL DONE TO.....Walliams Class for having the highest attendance this week!

Times Tables Rockstars



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| | <i>This week's battles.....</i> |
| <p>UNLESS YOUR TEACHER HAD MANUALLY SET YOUR TIMES TABLES, WE HAVE SET EVERYONE TO AUTOMATIC.</p> <p>TAKE THE GARAGE GIG—100 QUESTIONS IN 5 MINUTES. THIS WILL THEN DECIDE WHAT TIMES TABLES YOU SHOULD BE WORKING ON.</p> <p>YOU CAN THEN PRACTISE THOSE THAT YOU NEED MORE PRACTISE WITH AND MOVE ONTO THE NEXT TIMES TABLES WHEN YOU ARE MAKING PROGRESS.</p> | <p><i>Elmer vs Funnybones</i></p> <p><i>Stickman vs Gruffalo</i></p> <p><i>Dahl vs Wilson</i></p> <p><i>Simon vs Walliams</i></p> <p><i>Fine vs Horowitz</i></p> <p><i>Morpurgo vs Dahl</i></p> |

TOP 3 PLAYERS IN EACH YEAR

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| <u>Elmer</u> | <u>Funnybones</u> | <u>Stickman</u> | <u>Gruffalo</u> | <u>Dahl</u> | <u>Wilson</u> |
| <u>Simon</u> | <u>Walliams</u> | <u>Fine</u> | <u>Horowitz</u> | <u>Morpurgo</u> | |

Lenny's letter

Each week, this newsletter will celebrate all those at The Craylands School who received a Craylearner certificate, R.O.A.R. certificate, HERO bear and the winning team.

Our pupils really are champions at Craylands!



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| Hungry C | | Dahl | Jude |
| Rainbow Fish | | Wilson | Selina |
| Elmer | Blake | Walliams | Ayan |
| Funnybones | Whole Class | Simon | Anais |
| Gruffalo | Isabelle W | Horowitz | Faren |
| Stickman | Evie C | Fine | Tristan |
| | | Morpurgo | Ella |

The R.O.A.R. certificates were issued to.....

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| Hungry C | | Dahl | Katie |
| Rainbow Fish | | Wilson | Lucia |
| Elmer | Emily | Walliams | Toyosi |
| Funnybones | Hayden | Simon | Hudson |
| Gruffalo | Tyler | Fine | Lola |
| Stickman | Oliver | Horowitz | Jayden |
| | | Morpurgo | Mark |



This week's HERO (Here Every day Ready On time) Attendance Bear is awarded to ...

Walliams Class



Achievements outside of school...