



# 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 a restful half term.

## ST-ART week

As you may have seen in the ST-ART newsletter, the children have been busy in their ST-ART week this week. In our ST-ART week, we start the term off with an art or DT focus. This term the focus has been on DT and the children have been learning about the following:

Year 1—have been making houses; learning how to create hinges and joining materials together.

Year 2—have been learning about healthy eating, designing and creating a fruit salad, learning how to chop safely

Year 3—have been learning about structures, how to make 3D shapes and using struts to sturdy a structure, ending with a stone age shelter

Year 4—have been learning about the process of making bread and then designing a savoury or sweet roll for a Roman soldier

Year 5—have been learning about the eat well plate, designing a healthy meal

Year 6 will be catching up with their DT work later on in the year.

We hope that this week has re-immersed the children in their STAR learning.

## Poetry competition

A big thank you and well done to those children who entered the Swanscombe and Greenhithe Council's poetry competition. I have sent all of the entries off and the mayor will look at these and those from other schools and will judge a winner. I will keep you updated as to whether any of our children win. You can have a read of the entries we received on one of the following pages.

## PE days

Please find below the PE days for the this term; please ensure your child has appropriate PE kit on these days:

Monday—Gruffalo

Tuesday—Elmer, Morpurgo

Wednesday—Funnybones, Rauf, Simon, Walliams, Wilson

Thursday—Stickman, Horowitz

Friday—Dahl, Fine

## Cross Country Try Outs

A reminder that on Monday, any child in years 3-6 who would like to try out for the cross country festival, will need to wear their PE kit so that they can complete a circuit of the meadow and a decision can be made on who will represent the school.

## World Book Day

On Thursday next week, 2nd March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. This is always an exciting day in the school calendar and is a time when the children can come in dressed as a book character.

## Important dates

20/2	Start of term 4
2/3	World Book Day— dressing up; more details to follow
6/3	Year 4 residential meeting via zoon at 5p.m.
17/3	Quiz Night (organised by PTA) more info to follow
30/3	Parents evening
31/3	End of term 4
31/3	INSET DAY
17/4	Start of term 5
23/4	Year 4 residential
9/5— 12/5	KS2 SATS—year 6 NEED to be in school
30/6	Sports Day
5 & 6/7	Year 6 production
10— 14/7	Year 6 residential

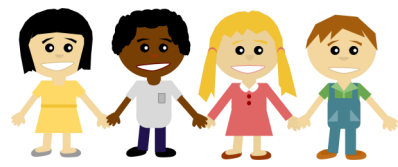
## Drop off zone

A reminder to pull in parallel to the kerb when using the drop off zone and NOT to park in the spaces please.

Ideally cars should not be using the drop off zone before the gates are opened—lots of cars seem to be parked up at 8.35 and this should not be the case.

Have a lovely weekend—Mr Hiscock

# EYFS NEWS



Our topic this term is titled 'Where do chips come from?' and is inspired by the book Oliver's Vegetables by Vivian French. The children will be learning about where our food comes from, how to keep healthy and much more.

We are revising phase 3 letter sounds and working on blending.

We start Phase 6 in maths called 'Building 9 and 10'.

New reading books are coming home tonight please keep until Wednesday and read regularly with your child.

Well done to all of the children for a great first week back!

## Arts and cultural challenges



This year, Mr Hiscock wants to fill up a wall in his office with your art challenges.

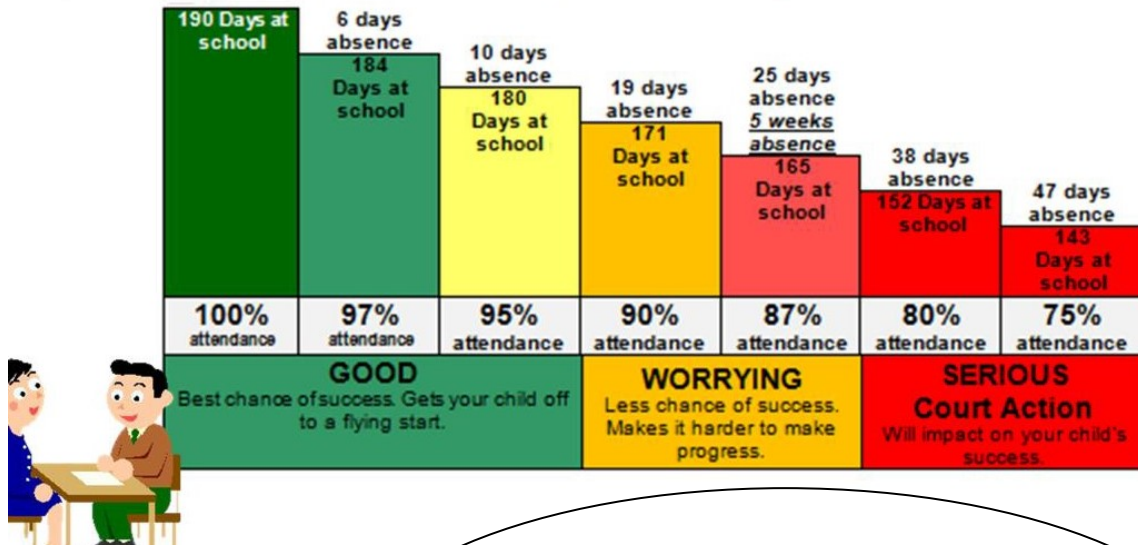
Complete the challenge and then send it in to Mr Hiscock.

Date	Activity idea
THIS WEEK'S ART CHALLENGE	<i>Draw your favourite book character</i>
LAST WEEK'S ART CHALLENGE	

# Dates for your diary

27/2	Cross country try outs years 3-6
w/c 27/2	World Book Week
2/3	World Book Day—dressing up
6/3	Y4 residential meeting via zoom 5p.m.
w/c 19/3	Last week of clubs run by the school
30/3	Parents evening
31/3	INSET DAY
23/4—27/4	Year 4 Residential
9/5-12/5	KS2 SATS Week
30/6	Sports day (KS2 a.m. / KS1 & EYFS p.m.)
7/7	Reserve sports day
5/7 & 6/7	Year 6 production (evening)
10/7—14/7	Year 6 residential
21/7	INSET DAY

# 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	No of children off this week
Elmer	97.6%	3
Funnybones	95.3%	6
Gruffalo	94.0%	6
Stickman	79.3%	1
Dahl	96.0%	4
Wilson	98.6%	2
Simon	98.0%	3
Walliams	99.2%	1
Fine	98.0%	3
Horowitz	94.1%	5
Morpurgo	96.6%	3
Ralf	96.6%	4

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



What have the Craylearners been learning about this week?  
Ask your child to show you their learning from this week at home.  
Click on the links for extra home learning.

Year group	Maths	Spag
Elmer / Funnybones	DT HOUSES	DT HOUSES
Gruffalo/ Stickman	Comparing and ordering length and height <a href="#">Y2 Spring Block 3 TS3 Compare lengths and heights on Vimeo</a>	Subordination <a href="#">What is a subordinating conjunction? - BBC Bitesize</a>
Dahl/Wilson	Fractions <a href="#">Y3 Spring Block 3 TS1 Understand the denominators of unit fractions on Vimeo</a>	Adverbs <a href="#">What is an adverb? - BBC Bitesize</a>
Walliams/Simon	Perimeter of polygons <a href="#">Y4 Spring Block 2 TS9 Perimeter of polygons on Vimeo</a>	Determiners <a href="https://youtu.be/wdv59REiNZQ">https://youtu.be/wdv59REiNZQ</a>
Horowitz/Fine	Finding fractions of quantities <a href="#">Y5 Spring Block 2 TS5 Fractions of an amount on Vimeo</a>	Figurative language <a href="#">Figurative language in poetry - English - Learning with BBC Bitesize - BBC Bitesize</a>
Morpurgo/Rauf	Ratio <a href="#">Year 6 Spring Block 1 TS4 Ratio and fractions on Vimeo</a>	Active and passive <a href="#">How to use the active or passive voice - BBC Bitesize</a>



What is your child learning about in STAR this term?

Year 1	Has where we live always been like this?
Year 2	How did the Victorians change nursing?
Year 3	What was life like in the stone age?
Year 4	Why did the Romans invade Britain?
Year 5	What is happening to the coasts of the UK?
Year 6	During which Queen's reign was the most progress made - Elizabeth I or Victoria?

# Times Tables Rockstars



WINNING CLASS GETS AN EXTRA 5 MINUTES PLAY ....ONLY THOSE WHO PLAY AT LEAST 5 MINUTES PER WEEK WILL GET THIS REWARD FOR EXTENDING THIER LEARNING.

Last weeks results...	This week's battles.....
No battles during half term week	<p>Stickman vs Gruffalo</p> <p>Dahl vs Wilson</p> <p>Walliams vs Simon</p> <p>Horowitz vs Fine</p> <p>Morpurgo vs Rauf</p>

		Funnybones Top 3 players on Numbots Games completed	Elmer Top 3 players on Numbots Games completed	<u>Stickman</u>	<u>Gruffalo</u>	<u>Dahl</u>
Wilson	Walliams	Simon	Horowitz	Fine	Morpurgo	Rauf



# 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!



Hungry C	Thea	Wilson	Inika
Rainbow Fish	Hugo	Walliams	Elodie
Elmer	Rocco, Sienna, Paisley, Bentley	Simon	David
Funnybones	Whole class	Horowitz	Teddy / Alannah
Gruffalo	Harriet	Fine	Archie
Stickman	Emilia	Morpurgo	Vihaan
Dahl	Angela	Rauf	Isla

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

Hungry C	Freya	Wilson	Bella
Rainbow Fish	Nellie	Walliams	Ashley
Elmer	Max	Simon	Alex
Funnybones	Roselyn	Fine	Isla
Gruffalo	Eva	Horowitz	Hudson
Stickman	Melilah	Morpurgo	Albert
Dahl	James	Rauf	Poppy



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

**Wilson Class**



## Achievements outside of school...

Thea (Wilson class) danced in a show at the Orchard Theatre during the half term with her ballet school—well done Thea!

Aniya (Elmer class) was one of 25 children that won the Buccaneer Bay colouring competition. She has won a sneak preview & play in the park before it opens to the public—congratulations!

# Poetry entries for the Swanscombe and Greenhithe council competition

## A Place Surrounded with Love

by Monaco Azam

As the sun awakes, the flowers begin to bloom,  
The Swanscombe Peninsula marshes is where I walk through  
It's a place surrounded with love and full of life  
A slight breeze touches my face  
As I walk I embrace the smell of the botany marshes  
Listening the twinkling sounds of nightingales and skylarks  
With the touch, open arms and joy.

I walk through the doors of the Greenhithe Library  
A place of discovery, wonders and fascination  
A place surrounded with love, fears and wildest dreams  
Shelves of books with bright life and darkness  
Waiting to unlock new surprises on next page  
And write my own story on a blank page.

It's a green landing place surrounded with Love  
With standing trees down to the water's edge drifting  
Soothing stroll through on a green carpet of the Ingress Abbey  
Brings with eager of a large crowd of young and old to the heritage park  
Seeing people continue to love, laugh and lark with a common purpose.

As the sunset arrives, and the hours will pass by  
I tucked in a cosy blanket in my house garden  
Listening to the sound of the waters waves down the river Thames  
I never knew there are so much inspiration, love and peacefulness.

There is always a story, happiness along life's way  
Togetherness of its people of Swanscombe & Greenhithe  
Working together for a bright present and future  
The night has arrived but this story will has no end  
While tucked in my bed and embracing hugs of my family  
Looking forward for tomorrow's adventure  
I'm grateful to live in a place surrounded with love.



By Faizah condell Craylands

Swanscombe and greenhithe is such a great place,  
playing football in the park brings a smile to my face.

Kicking the ball around the pitch,  
makes me tired and gives me a stitch.

Bluewater is the place to be,  
if you want to get toys and games for me.

At gravity you can bounce real high,  
jump right up and touch the sky.

Hangloose is so much fun too,  
a zip line and swing for you to do.

Swanscombe marshes is a wonderful site  
where wildlife comes out day and night.

Trees and bushes all around.  
Why would you want a theme park on this ground?

This is my poem I hope you agree,  
swanscombe and greenhithe is the place to be.

Matthew E Year 5 The Craylands School

## Forever My Town

The flowers bloom as you walk by,  
people chatter as you pass by,  
joy will spread as you stroll by.  
We will always have a happy spirit in our lovely town!

In our courageous town you will hear joy in every path as you  
walk in our fields of happiness,  
We will always cherish our town with joy!

Swanscombe is our town, which is full of love, laughter and  
peace.

Our town is where our peace is

