

Newsletter



Friday 18th March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a fun-packed week of learning and classes have made the most of the beautiful spring weather - drawing daffodils and playing at lunchtime in the sunshine.

Thank you very much for all your support with Red Nose Day - I will share the total amount raised with you soon.

It was wonderful to see so many Year 6 Parents at Parents' Evening last week. Teachers in all other year groups are very much looking forward to seeing you all on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th April - the link to book appointments will be with you this week.

Kindest regards

Jane Sendall
Headteacher



Whole school attendance - 94.03% Target 97%



CALENDAR

School Day: 8.35 - 3.25 - gates open by 8.30

Monday 4th April and Tuesday 5th April - Parents' Evenings - More info to follow next week

Wednesday 6th April - Year 3 Trip to Shimpling Farm

Friday 8th April - End of spring term

Monday 25th April - Start of summer term

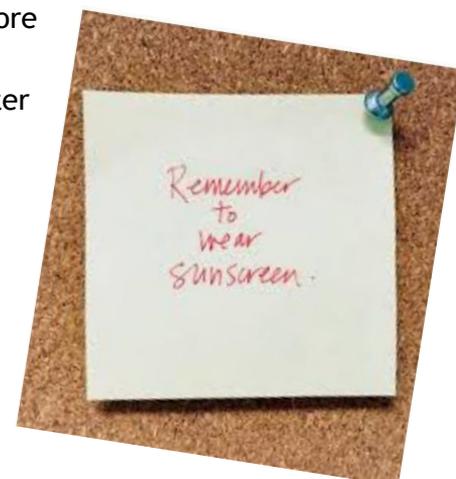
THE *new* CROFT.

GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL SESSIONS

RESTARTS MONDAY 21ST MARCH
4-5PM
AGES 5-11 YEARS
£3.00 A SESSION
THE NEW CROFT, CB9 0BW

MORE INFO - SHOP@THENEWCROFT.CO.UK

Please can you apply suncream before coming to school as the weather is warming up and send a hat and water bottle to school every day.



Reading Update at Place Farm

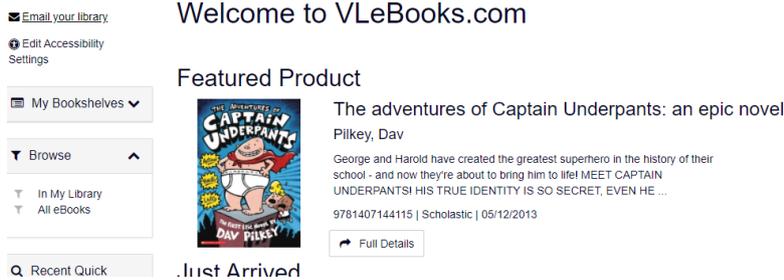
"Developing early-stage reading skills and discovering a love of reading can shape a child's life, unlock their potential, and help improve their future prospects."

Sanoke Viswanathan, CEO of Chase in the UK

Rewarding Futures Update

As you are aware, we are participating in the Rewarding Futures library project this year. Miss Jenkins and Mrs McConnell have been attending training and will be sharing a new Reading for Pleasure strategy with you in the summer term. Being part of the project is incredibly exciting. Here are some of the benefits of being part of the training so far:

- **Online pupil log-ins for a virtual library:** All pupils in school will shortly receive log in details for you, and them, to access digital books to enjoy reading at home and school. These details will be provided in the planners, hopefully by the end of next week!



- **Library Renovation:** We are just awaiting our date for our library renovation, which we are incredibly excited about. Please see below for a taster of what this is going to look like. The renovation includes some lovely new furniture and additional spacing, with some great new displays to add the finishing touches.



- **Free E-Readers:** We will shortly be receiving 6 new E-Readers at school for pupils to use in the library and in classrooms. These will provide pupils with the opportunity to enjoy audio books in their Developing a Love of Reading time.
- **400 fantastic free books for our library!** These have arrived in school and are currently being added to our library system. We can't wait to launch these with the children!



Exciting New Book Club!

We are excited to announce that after Easter, Mrs Brassington will be running a couple of after-school book clubs for pupils in KS1 and KS2. These will run from 3.25-3.55 and will focus on simply enjoying and sharing some great books and fun activities linked to these.

Letters will come out shortly.

Curriculum News!

We have had several visitors from other schools visit Place Farm recently, to see how we are embedding our CUSP Reading and Writing curriculum. This is a huge compliment to the school and how far we have come in our English curriculum.

Many have given fantastic feedback on what they have seen and have taken ideas back to their own settings, ready to share. Visitors have commented on the following:

- Fantastic learning behaviours from the children
- Children being about to tell our visitors what they are learning and why
- Pupils speaking confidently and enthusiastically about the books they are reading in school.
- A fantastic sense of confidence from children in how they use their taught vocabulary across the curriculum.

As you can see, your children are doing brilliantly in their English lessons, and really showcasing all our hard work as a school. They are a huge credit to Place Farm!

Interested in seeing what your child is learning about in Reading this term – take a look at the year group literature spines:

Year 1

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Beegu	The Storm Whale	The Tale of Peter Rabbit	Here We Are	There's a Rang-Tan in My Bedroom	The Lion Inside
Where the Wild Things Are	The Owl and the Pussycat Edward Lear	The Tale of Peter Rabbit	Here We Are	There's a Rang-Tan in My Bedroom	Aesop's Fables – The Hare and the Tortoise
Where the Wild Things Are	Aesop's Fables – The Boy who Cried Wolf	Look Up!	Chocolate Cake Michael Rosen	and tango makes three	The Proudest Blue

Year 2

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
The Street Beneath My Feet	Paddington	The Quangle Wangle's Hat Edward Lear	The Rhythm of the Rain	Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World	Fantastic Mr Fox
Grandad's Island	Paddington	Coming to England	The Rhythm of the Rain	Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World	Fantastic Mr Fox
Aesop's Fables – The Goose that Laid the Golden Eggs	The Christmas Pine Julia Donaldson	Mrs Noah's Pockets	Little People, Big Dreams David Attenborough	Aesop's Fables – The Sun and the Wind	Fantastic Mr Fox

Year 3

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Greta and the Giants	Leon and the Place Between	Sam Wu is Not Afraid of the Dark	Operation Gadgetman	The Dancing Bear	The Magician's Nephew
The Pebble in My Pocket	Leon and the Place Between	Sam Wu is Not Afraid of the Dark	Operation Gadgetman	The Dancing Bear	The Magician's Nephew
The Pebble in My Pocket	'Twas the Night before Christmas Anon	Sam Wu is Not Afraid of the Dark & My Shadow Robert Louis Stephenson	Operation Gadgetman	The Dancing Bear	The Magician's Nephew

Year 4

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
The Queen's Nose	The Boy at the Back of the class	Young, Gifted and Black	The Wind in the Willows	Varjak Paw	The Girl Who Stole an Elephant
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Will be delivered as part of Writing Units					Jabberwocky Lewis Carroll

Year 5

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Shackleton's Journey	Secrets of a Sun King	A Midsummer Night's Dream	Boy in the Tower	The Explorer	Five Children and IT
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Shackleton's Journey	Secrets of a Sun King & If Rudyard Kipling	I Am Not A Label	Boy in the Tower & Daffodils William Wordsworth	The Explorer	Five Children and IT

Year 6

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
All Aboard the Empire Windrush	Introduction to Dickens – Oliver Twist	Pig Heart Boy	Rooftoppers	Skellig	Dare to be You
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The Island	Introduction to Dickens – Oliver Twist	How to Live Forever	Rooftoppers & The Listeners Walter de la Mare	Skellig & A Carol From Flanders Frederick Niven	Dare to be You
Will be delivered as part of Writing Units	Shakespeare's Sonnets: Sonnet 18				Shakespeare's Sonnets: Sonnet 27

Hello everyone,

Please find attached a resource that comprises three short films and support materials to help parents, families and carers read books conversationally and creatively with your children.

<https://ourfp.org/supporting-rah/book-chat-reading-with-your-child/>

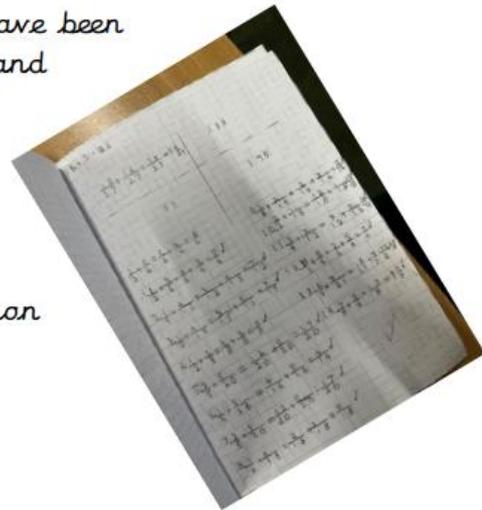
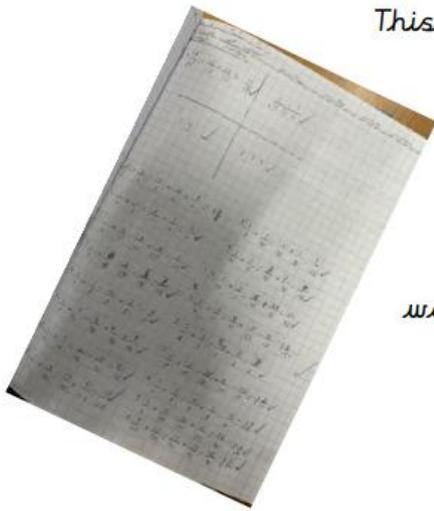
Working with Macmillan Children's Books, the films use a selection of their picture books and a poetry collection to support you with reading to different ages of children.

if you have any questions please do ask,

Miss Jenkins

Year 5

This week in maths, we have been looking at adding and subtracting fractions with the same and different denominators. The children have been working extremely hard on this.



In science, we have been exploring friction and how friction is important. They had to design a pair of shoes for curling and add annotations relating to the different materials used. Have a look at some examples.



