



February 2020

Dear Parents

We hope you had a restful half term and are looking forward to the exciting adventures the children are going to be having in Term 4. As mentioned in Mrs Gore's letter regarding the changes to the curriculum on offer at The Croft, the Hedgehog class will be undertaking a pilot enquiry for their learning this term.

There are three main drivers that will be shaping the curriculum on offer at The Croft and they cover:

Head: National Curriculum knowledge and skills

Heart: A global theme

Hand: How to communicate this to the world

Our National Curriculum (Head) knowledge and skills were shared with you last term in the topic web and we will be continuing to cover these important aspects in the children's learning. We will also be including some interesting elements that require the children to think about aspects of the world and how to communicate these to those around us. The children will be looking at the global theme (Heart) of social justice where we will be considering the concept of rich and poor. In this instance, this will be a metaphorical concept in terms of being 'rich or poor' in knowledge about caring for some of the endangered species of the world and understanding our responsibility to protect them. We will be inviting some representatives from a local animal charity to come and talk to the children about the work they do. The children will then share with you (Hand) all the things they have learnt this term in a celebration afternoon on Wednesday 1st April. They will be writing to you themselves to invite you, but we felt it prudent to give you some prior warning.

We will be continuing with our outdoor learning sessions on Wednesday 4th March and Wednesday 18th March. If you have any small, clean yogurt pots that you could send in for these sessions then that would be super.

The children will continue to learn their spellings ready for a test on Mondays and the words have been sent home this week. For Y2 children, they could also be learning facts from the 2, 5 and 10 x table. This will support the work they have been doing in class. Thank you for listening to your children read regularly and please continue to do so as this really makes a difference. If you are able to come in and listen to children read, then please let us know as this is extremely helpful.

If you have any questions, then please feel free to contact us.

Many thanks

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