



Newbottle and Charlton CEVA Primary School

Every person matters, every moment counts "I can do all this through him who gives me strength"

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Elm Class Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring term- we hope your child has had a positive start to the term and is looking forward to lots of new learning, experiences and opportunities. This letter will provide you with some key information and an overview of the term ahead.

Staff

Elm class will be taught by Mrs Hogan and Mrs Lovesay-Bonham, and supported by Mr Seamark, Mrs Jones and Mrs Hodgson throughout the week.

Routines

This term, Elm class will have PE on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. Children are required to bring their PE kits with them to change into. Please ensure your child has appropriate footwear and clothes (plain in colour). After February half term, they will be going swimming again on a Friday- more information regarding these sessions will be sent home nearer the time.

Curriculum and Learning

We have started our new class history topic all about Anglo-Saxons which links to our previous topic on settlements. Our key question to explore is, 'How hard was it to invade and settle in Britain?'. After half term our geography topic will be based on Antarctica, exploring climates with our key question, 'Who lives in Antarctica?'

- **Topic-** We will be exploring our new topics and key questions in a range of ways. In history we will learn about Anglo-Saxon life by finding out about key people and places. In geography children will develop their understanding climates and continents whilst learning about famous explorers.
- **English-** Our English will link to our topic where possible, which will provide children with exciting and engaging stimuli for writing. Children will be writing poems, biographies, explanation texts and comedy stories. We will be using key texts in both writing and guided reading including: The Iron Man; Sky; and The Incredible Book Eating Boy.
- **Maths-** In maths, we will be focussing on the following blocks: multiplication and division, position and direction and shape. Year 3 will also be starting our new mastery times table programme, which Year 4 began in September. There will be lots of problem solving and reasoning-based activities to deepen their mathematical knowledge and understanding.
- **Science-** Our first science topic this term is 'Forces and Magnets', where children will learn about a range of forces. They will also be developing their scientific enquiry skills through investigations. After half term, they will cover 'Living things are their habitats' with a focus on classification.
- **Art/D&T-** This term we will be looking at an Art unit called, 'Drawing: Power Prints' where we will learn about 3D drawings, sense of proportion and wax resist. After half term, we will be doing a food design and technology project based on survival in Antarctica.

- **Computing-** This term we will be learning about 'Computer Systems and Networks' focussing on collaborative learning using Microsoft Office. Next term, we will look at 'Data and Information' using branching databases. Within these lessons, children will also learn about 'Copyright and Ownership' whilst developing their awareness of 'Online Relationships'.
- **Music-** This term we are fortunate to have Mrs Mold from First Access teaching the class every Monday morning. This year, the class will be learning to play string instruments, violin and cello! More information will be shared about these sessions shortly.
- **PE-** This term the children will develop their cognitive skills through our Real PE scheme. On Mondays, they will take part in Real Gym, where they will develop skills within gymnastics and on Tuesdays they will take part in a range of activities and games. After half term, they will take part in Basketball and continue their swimming sessions.
- **PSHE-** This term our theme is 'Keeping Myself Safe' where we will look at safe and unsafe situations. After half term we will look at 'Rights and Responsibilities' thinking about discrimination, helping others and the environment. We will also be exploring two more keys to happier to living as a school: resilience and emotions.
- **French-** This term's unit is 'Salutations'. They will be developing their language skills through a range of speaking, listening, reading and writing activities and explore bilingual dictionaries.
- **RE-** This term children will be exploring Sikhism and finding out all about this religion through artefacts, videos and discussions. We are hoping to make links with RBN Gurdwara Sahib in Northampton.

Homework

Children will be set a range of activities on the different learning platforms we have. These will help children consolidate and revise key concepts in maths (Sumdog) and Spelling (Spelling Shed).

Daily reading is really important and should be encouraged to support your child's confidence, fluency and comprehensions skills. Children are able to choose books from our class library and will have weekly opportunities to visit our school library and borrow books. Your child should have a reading record to record the books they are reading in, which you are welcome to write comments in, too. Please let us know if you require any additional resources or guidance.

Please remember to keep up-to-date with Seesaw and the school website and don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries. We look forward to working with you over the next few months and hope it will be a positive and productive Spring term.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hogan and Mrs Lovesay-Bonham

Elm Class Teachers