



NEWBOTTLE & 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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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a restful break and your child has made a positive start to the new 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

This term, Birch class will be supported by myself, Mrs Hogan, Mrs Hunt and Mr Seamark. Mr Smith will also teach the class some lessons throughout the term.

Routines

This term, Birch class will have PE on a Wednesday afternoon and swimming on a Friday morning. 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). This term their Friday session will be swimming. A swimming letter has already been sent home with key information regarding these sessions.

Curriculum and Learning

We have started our exciting new class topic- World War 2. Our key questions will be: 'What was the impact of WW2 on our local area?' and 'How significant was the Blitz?' This is a fantastic topic with lots of creative cross-curricula learning.

- **Topic-** We will be exploring our new topic and key questions in a range of ways. In History we will be learning about the outbreak of WW2, the Blitz, evacuation roles of women and men. In Geography we will find out about the role of different countries and also learn about the impact of war on the local area using map skills and primary and secondary research.
- **English-** Our English will link to our topic, which will provide children with exciting and engaging stimuli for writing. They will be writing historical narratives, recounts, flashbacks and balanced arguments. We will be using key texts in both writing and guided reading: 'Rose Blanche' and 'Letters from the Lighthouse'.
- **Maths-** In maths, we will be focussing on the following blocks: fractions, decimals, percentages and shape. 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' where children will a range of forces in practical and investigative ways. After half term, they will cover 'Light' and find out about how light travels, how we see and shadows.
- **Art/D&T-** In Art, children will be exploring a unit called 'Every picture tells a story' where they will look at the work of famous artists, including Banksy and Andy Warhol and recreate these using a range of tools and techniques. In



D&T children will be designing and making a waistcoat, thinking about 'make do and mend' and develop their cooking skills further linked to rationing.

- **Computing-** This term we will be looking at computing systems and networks, using a range of search engines and systems. They will be developing their programming skills in robotics, making a Mars Rover. They will also be working on their general computing and word processing skills as well as focusing on managing online information as part of our E-Safety sessions.
- **Music-** This term we will be looking at the following units. Our first unit is 'Songs of WW2'. After half term they will be looking at 'Film music'.
- **PE-** This term Birch class will have PE on a Wednesday afternoon with Miss England, developing their cognitive skills through our Real PE scheme and have swimming on Friday mornings. After half term, they will be doing dance and badminton.
- **French-** This term's units are 'Clothes' and 'Planets'. They will be developing their language skills through a range of speaking, listening, reading and writing activities.
- **RE-** This half term we will be looking at Pilgrimage in different religions, exploring the question, 'Why is pilgrimage important to some religious believers?' After half term, we will focus on Salvation and Easter and explore the question, 'What did Jesus do to save human beings?'
- **PSHE-** We will be exploring the next two 'Keys to happier living' which are part of our 'Great Dream': relating and exercise. In class we will be looking at the themes 'Keeping myself safe' and 'Rights and responsibilities'.

Forest School

This term, Birch will have Forest School on Thursday afternoons. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing and footwear to ensure they can participate safely in all the activities, including den building, climbing, using tools, and making fires.

Homework

Your child should have received their homework grid for the term outlining the activities and their termly targets. The targets are for the individual and are to make you aware of what your child is working on in school, these will be reflected in their Sumdog activities set. Further information can be found on Seesaw. Please let me know if you require any additional resources or guidance. Year 6 will continue with their revision books, which should be completed weekly to support them with revision and transition to secondary school.

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.

Kind regards,
Hannah Smith
Birch Class Teacher & SENDCo