



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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Ash Class Letter

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Dear Parents and carers,

We hope you and the children have enjoyed the summer and the recent spell of warm weather we have been having. We are both very excited to be teaching Ash class this year. Ms Rowe is delighted to be returning to KS1 and will be in the classroom on Mondays and Tuesdays. Mrs Hetherington, who teaches on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, is thrilled to have become part of the Newbottle and Charlton team. We are also very lucky to have Mrs Bray as support in our classroom throughout the week.

It was so nice to see some of you on the tour around the school on Wednesday last week. We think you'll agree that the classroom looks very different now that it has been transformed into our newly decorated KS1 Ash classroom. If you didn't get a chance to look around then please do pop in to see us after school when you can.

Curriculum and Learning

Although Year 1 and 2 are all together as one class, there are times when the children are separated into year groups to ensure that the curriculum is being taught effectively and the children are covering all that they should. This is the case for maths, phonics and spelling. These subjects will be planned by us but may be delivered by either ourselves or Mrs Bray. All other subjects will be taught together.

The children have been so keen to have started our whole school mini-topic, Cultural Diversity in the UK. As a class, we have chosen to look at Caribbean culture. We really hope they have shared their learning with you. Many thanks to those who have brought in resources and facts to share. Next week we're moving onto the topic 'On the Move' where we will be adventuring through time and around the world by investigating different modes of transport and asking the question, 'How did we learn how to fly?'

History- As historians, the children will be developing an awareness of the past and the ways in which it is different and similar from the present.

English- As writers, we will begin with story writing based on the book 'The train ride' by June Crebbin. As well as basic sentence structure, the children will start to explore concepts such as onomatopoeia and alliteration through different lenses from our Jane Considine scheme. As reading and story time are such important parts of KS1 we will look at various exciting picture books based on transport.

Maths- As mathematicians, the children will be securing and developing their understanding of number and place value before moving on to addition and subtraction. The children will also learn to identify, sort and make patterns with 2D and 3D shapes.

Science- As scientists, we will be observing the changes in our natural world as the seasons change from Summer to Autumn before moving on to investigating the properties of different materials.

Music- As musicians, we will look at pitch and tempo through a module based on superheroes!

Computing: we will be looking at computing systems and networks whilst developing our word processing and mouse skills. After that, we will move on to creating media digital painting.

RE- This term we will be asking the questions; *'Who made the world?'* and *'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?'* as we prepare for our Nativity performance!

Art and DT: we will begin by looking at our DT topic of wheels and axle mechanisms and then move on to our art topic of experimenting with mark making and line drawing after half term.

PSHE: we will focus on 'Me and my relationships' before moving on to valuing differences. Children will also be encouraged to consider the Zones of Regulation everyday.

PE: our PE days this term will be on Mondays and Fridays. However, please ensure PE kits are left at school throughout the week as this may change as our timetables adapts to events. We are on hand to support the children but please do make sure all clothing (both school uniform and PE kits) are labelled clearly as the children are encouraged to be as independent as possible with changing their clothes.

We are excited to have Miss England working with us on Mondays for our Real Gym sessions. This term, the children will learn the coordination and skill involved in team games such as netball. Next half term they will have the opportunity to develop those skills during invasion rugby.

The children will need footwear suitable for sports outside and warmer outer clothing as the weather turns colder.

Homework

Being in Ash Class is a magical time where the children transition from learning the cognitions of how to read to developing a love of reading that will set them up for life! We are so keen to develop this passion so please know how much we value the time that you are able to spend on snuggling up and reading to your child. We would also like the children to read their school reading book to someone at home at least three times each week. Repeating the book will develop the children's confidence and fluency and will provide opportunity for them to practise differing their tone and adding expression when reading aloud.

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). As explained in last week's newsletter, an option this year will be for children to complete a paper maths journal practising concepts taught in school. Families can ask for a paper option instead of using the app. These will be self-marked, and you will be able to hand these in.

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 start to the year.

We are really looking forward to working with the children this year and please know that our door is always open for you to come and discuss any queries or concerns.

Kind regards,

Ms Rowe and Mrs Hetherington