



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,

We hope you had a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope your child has had a positive start to the spring 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.

Routines

Mr Smith has informed you of our routines and procedures in place and will continue to keep you updated throughout the term. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding with this.

This term, Birch class will have PE on Thursday afternoons and swimming on Friday mornings. Children will no longer come to school wearing their PE kits, they will be required to bring it with them to change into. Please ensure your child has appropriate footwear and clothes (plain in colour) as we will be outside for some of our sessions.

Curriculum and Learning

We have started 2022 with a mini whole school topic: 'School through the ages', to launch the 150-year anniversary celebrations of our school. We will be exploring changes to school life over the past 150 years through a range of subjects and activities.

- **Topic-** Our spring class topic will be '**Who were the Mayans and what did we learn from them?**' which will provide many cross-curricular learning opportunities to develop children's knowledge of the Mayan Civilization. Children will learn about life during this time, including rituals, architecture and food (including chocolate!).
- **English-** Our English will link to our topic, which will provide children with exciting and engaging stimuli for writing. Writing will be based on key texts, including 'The Great Chocoplot' and a traditional Mayan tale, 'Rainplayer'. They will be writing tales, narratives, instructions, and recipes.
- **Maths-** In maths, we will be focussing on negative numbers; four operations; fractions and percentages. Children will continue to develop fluency, problem solving and reasoning skills.
- **Science-** Our science topic throughout the spring terms is 'Properties of materials'. Within this practical topic, children will learn about grouping materials, states of matter and reversible and irreversible changes whilst developing their investigative skills.
- **Art/D&T-** In Art, children will be looking at various different graphic artists, creating their own artwork linked to our topic that speaks to the viewer. In D&T, they will be designing and creating their very own chocolate bar, using CAD (Computer-Aided-Design) to design and make the wrappers.



- **Computing-** This term we will look into 'Sharing Information' and 'Flat Databases' whilst continuing to develop their knowledge of online safety and reputation.
- **Music-** Children will be exploring 'How does music bring us together?' and developing their musical knowledge and vocabulary. They will also be learning how to play ocarinas.
- **French-** Children will be learning all about pets and sports within the Olympics through a range of speaking, listening, reading and writing activities.
- **RE-** This term children will be studying and exploring Judaism: 'What does it mean for a Jewish person to follow Jesus?' After half term, we will focus on Christianity: 'Incarnation: What difference does the resurrection make to Christians?' in the lead up to Easter.

Homework

Your child will receive a homework grid next Monday for the term outlining 6 activities to choose from and key spelling rules on Spelling Shed. These are all available on Seesaw. We ask that children complete a minimum of 4 this term and 6 next term (equivalent to one a week). Please let me know if you require any additional resources or guidance.

Y6 SATs/CGP workbooks

As you may be aware, the end of KS2 statutory assessments (SATs) are currently scheduled to take place in May this year. These are more formal tests for all Year 6s in both Maths and English (reading, spelling and punctuation and grammar).

Year 6s will receive CGP SATs revision books for Maths and SPaG to support them in preparation for these tests. They will be set weekly tasks to complete to support with revision and help prepare them for secondary school. They should bring these in each Monday to be marked (they can also be checked at home as they come with answers). This will be instead of the homework grid, but they are welcome to do activities from this if they would like to as well. Please see the KS2 SATs information video on the class page of the school website to find out more. Please let me 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. I look forward to working with you over the next few months and hope it will be a positive and productive term.

Kind regards,

Hannah Smith
Birch Class Teacher & SENDCo