



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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Oak Class Letter

Friday 10th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome to the new Reception children and families, I hope you had an exciting first week and a half at school - I know I have! Also a big welcome back to Year 1, I hope you've had an exciting summer and are feeling ready for some new challenges, you're doing a great job already! This year we are lucky enough to continue to be supported full time in class by the amazing Mrs Bray. We are also being supported by the equally amazing Mrs Hodgson on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings and Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. All adults have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the children so far and we can't wait for the year ahead.

Curriculum and Learning

As you should already be aware, Oak and Ash class are being taught mainly in year groups, rather than separate classes. This enables all children to have access to formal and child led learning and they will be taught in their year groups for maths, English, phonics, PE, RE and PSHE.

Whilst Reception have been settling in, year 1 have started off with our Whole School Topic, 'Our School, Our World', I hope that you have been told all about it! We have been focusing on how to be good Stewards of this wonderful world we have been given and the children have come up with some amazing ideas of how to care for our planet, we've learnt a great song and written our own prayer verses to say thank you to God for the world he created.

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.

- **History** - In History the children will be developing an awareness of the past and the ways in which it is different and similar from the present. We will focus on the history of the train and take an exciting trip to the Motor Museum.
- **Geography** - In Geography we will be using world maps, atlases and globes to identify the UK and its counties. We will be exploring this through a selection of picture books including 'The Naughty Bus'.
- **Y1 Maths** - In Maths we will start with Number and Place Value then move on to Addition and Subtraction, Measure and Shape. Throughout there will be a constant focus on the children's basic number fluency as well as problem solving and reasoning skills.
- **YR Maths** - We are starting off by exploring numbers to 10. This will be done mainly through play but the NumberBlocks will join us along the way! By learning through play we will also be investigating shape and measure.
- **Y1 English** - In English we will begin with story writing based on the book 'The train ride' by June Crebbin, as well as basic sentence structure 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.



- **YR English/Phonics** - Reception begin the year with daily phonics lessons and don't start a writing book until after Christmas. Phonics incorporates learning to read and write and is a fun activity that all pupils love! More information will be given on our information evening (see below for more information).
- **Science** - Our topic for science this term will be Seasons, we will be observing and describing the changes in Autumn. After half term, we will be investigating the question 'Which surface will make the bus travel the furthest?'
- **Y1 Computing** - In computing we will start with the unit 'Digital Photography' where children will learn how to take photographs in landscape and portrait as well as exploring what makes a good photograph including lighting and effects.
- **YR Computing** - The children in reception will be focussing on internet safety and how to correctly use the classroom tablets. They will also have the opportunity to explore coding through the use of toys such as beebots and code-a-pillars.
- **Y1 RE** - This term we will be focusing on Creation and Who made the world? We will be preparing for our Harvest service and Nativity!
- **YR RE** - The children often start the year off with lots of questions about God and what Religious Education actually is. We will spend some time exploring these questions and then move onto what makes them special. Towards the end of the year we will also start learning about the Christmas Story and preparing for the Nativity!
- **Music** - This term we will be learning traditional school hymns and songs. We will also be following the Charanga unit 'Rhythm in the way we walk' where children will learn the basic interrelated dimensions of music.
- **PE** - PE days this term will be on Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning. Wednesday will be Real Gym with Miss England, our PE specialist, and Friday will be Real PE where the children will learn basic skills such as balance, coordination, and ball skills. Please send your child in to school wearing their PE kits on these days. We will be inside and outside so please send them in appropriate footwear and warm clothes (plain) for when the weather starts to change.

Homework

This will be set on Seesaw on Monday 13th September; children can choose from a range of different activities, and these can be uploaded via seesaw each week. Year 1 will also need to complete Spelling Shed and Sumdog tasks each week. Reading regularly is essential for progress, books will be changed on Tuesday's and Thursday's, please keep an up to date reading record for your child (Reception parents will be informed about reading books on the information evening).

Here is a link on how to use seesaw:

<https://web.seesaw.me/parents>

Reception parents information evening 23/9/21 at 6pm



Reception parents are invited to a meeting about how their child will be learning during their first year at school. We will also go through phonics and reading and how you can help at home as well as showing you how to use seesaw. It's a jam packed evening full of information - we'll provide the tea and biscuits!

Finally, it has been a pleasure meeting each child and I'm filled with excitement about the year ahead. I couldn't be more thrilled to have some Year 1s in my class and I can already see they will be excellent role models. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any queries and I look forward to working with you.

Kind regards,
Miss H Dooley