



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,

Welcome back to a new term! It's lovely to see all of Ash Class back after Christmas and thank you so much for your very kind cards and gifts for Miss Rosoman, Mrs Jones and me. I hope you all had a wonderful break and are ready for the new spring term ahead.

Curriculum and Learning

As in the Autumn term, Oak and Ash classes are being taught mainly in year groups for maths, phonics/spelling, guided reading, PE, RE, Music and PSHE. We continue to find this a successful method of teaching and the children like spending time with their peers.

We have already started our new topic on significant people and events in history. This half term we are learning about Samuel Pepys and the Great Fire of London – the children are already enthralled and keen to find out more! Our main enquiry question will be **'How has London changed since the fire of 1666?'**

- **History** – In History we will be looking at London Past and Present, including the significant historical event of the Great Fire of London; after half term we will be looking at some significant historical figures such as Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole.
- **Maths** – In Y2 Maths we will be revisiting Addition and Subtraction, then doing a unit about Money before moving on to Multiplication and Division. In Y1 we will be revisiting Number and Place value then return to Addition and Subtraction. After half term, Y1 will be covering length, height, mass and volume. Throughout there will be a constant focus on the children's basic number fluency as well as problem solving and reasoning skills.
- **English** – In English we will continue to use the Jane Considine approach "The Write Stuff", starting with a non-fiction unit writing a diary and moving onto a narrative adventure, "The Queen's Hat" as well as doing more trip recounts. Throughout this we will also continue to focus on the development of the children's handwriting, spelling, punctuation and grammar to aid with their basic sentence structure. In guided reading we will be developing skills such as inference, prediction, reading with expression and retrieval.
- **Phonics/Spelling** - Children will continue their daily phonics using the Essential Letters and Sounds Scheme. Y1 will be working on their sounds from Phase 5 and beginning preparation for the phonics screening in the summer term (for more information see our school website). Y2 will be carrying on with the Jane Considine Spelling Scheme.
- **Science** – We will continue to look at the changing seasons as well as Everyday Materials. This will be in the context of the Great Fire of London and what buildings were made of. After half term we will be investigating "Did children in the past have a healthy lifestyle?"
- **Computing** – We will be making music on the iPads and then studying robotics with the use of Beebots and Vex123.
- **RE** - This term we will be looking at the Understanding Christianity unit Gospel asking "What is the good news that Jesus brings?" After half term we will be doing the Salvation unit – "Why does Easter matter to Christians?"



- **Music** - This term we will be learning traditional school hymns and songs. In classroom music, we will be starting off with a unit called Superheroes, focusing on pitch and tempo. After half term our unit is called Musical Me and focuses on notation and performance.
- **PSHE** – We will be looking at the second key of Relating (from the GREAT DREAM acronym from the Keys To Happier Living scheme) and reflecting on what makes a good friend and how to listen to others. Following that, we will be doing a unit about Keeping Myself Safe, and after half term, we will be looking at the 3rd key of Exercising before moving on to a unit about Rights and Responsibilities.
- **PE** – PE days this term will be on Monday afternoon and Friday morning. Mondays are still Real PE with Miss England, our PE specialist, where the children will learn basic skills such as balance, coordination, and ball skills. Friday PE will be badminton with Mrs. Kingsley. Term 4's PE is REAL PE and dance. Please ensure that your child's PE kit stays in school all week, and you can then take it home on a Friday to wash if needed. We will be inside and outside so please include appropriate footwear and warm clothes (plain) for when the weather starts to change. Please note that we have had a few instances of children having an incomplete and/or un-named PE kit so please help us by checking it before it comes in.

Forest School

After half term Ash class will have Forest School on Thursday afternoons with Miss Smith. More details will be shared nearer the time.

Homework

Homework will be sent home in a grid to outline their termly activities and targets. The activities are the same for the whole school, and each child needs to complete reading, spelling activities on Spelling Shed and maths activities on SumDog every week. The targets are for the individual and are to make you aware of what your child is working on in school, should you wish to support them at home. Mr. Smith has put more information on Seesaw to explain the homework tasks.

As always - reading regularly at home is **essential** for your child's learning and progress in school – we will change reading books on Mondays and Thursdays, and you need to write in your child's reading record each time you read with them.

I am looking forward to a lovely Spring Term, and please do contact me via the office email anytime should you have any queries or concerns.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Eleanor Kingsley