



## 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 the summer term. I hope your child has had 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.

### Routines

This term, Birch class will have PE on Monday and Tuesday afternoons- a swimming letter has already been sent home with key information regarding some swimming sessions this term. Children will be doing two water safety sessions on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> May. Please ensure children have their PE kits with them to change into and ensure your child has appropriate footwear and clothes (plain in colour). If you are unsure please see the uniform policy on the website.

### Curriculum and Learning

We have launched our new class topic: 'Brazil' with our key question for the term being, 'Why has Brazil got one of the fastest growing economies?'

- **Topic-** We will be exploring our new topic and key question in a range of ways over the summer. Children will be developing key geographical skills and knowledge; finding out about life for some children who live in slums; learning about importance of food and trade; and comparing countries and ways of life.
- **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 extracts from 'Trash' by Andy Mulligan. They will be writing recounts and diaries in first person and creating a non-chronological report.
- **Maths-** In maths, we will be focussing on four operations; fractions, decimals and percentages; and lots of problem solving and reasoning based activities.
- **Science-** Our science topic throughout the spring terms is 'Living Things and their habitats'. Within this practical topic, children will learn about a range of life cycles, different flowering plants, animals and types of reproduction.
- **Art/D&T-** In Art, children will be looking at the work of Paul Cezanne and working on 'Still Life' sketches. In D&T, they will be creating frame structures based on Brazilian favelas and shelters.
- **Computing-** This term we will look into 'Vector drawing' and 'Programming-variables in games' whilst continuing to develop their knowledge of online safety and reputation. They will also be working on their general computing and word processing skills.
- **Music-** This term, Miss Dooley will be teaching the children music. They will be looking at inspirational women in music and composing their own raps and melodies. Later on in the term children will be developing their singing and performing skills within our rehearsals for our summer production (further details below).



- **French**- This term's units are 'At School' and 'At the Weekend'. They will be developing their language skills through a range of speaking, listening, reading and writing activities.
- **RE**- This term children will be studying and exploring an enquiry-based unit: 'How does religion help people live through good times and bad times?' This unit will allow children to raise questions about death and what some people believe about afterlife. Please let me know if you feel your child may be sensitive to this topic. After half term, we will focus on Christianity: 'People of God: How can following God bring freedom and justice?'

### Production

We are very excited to be starting rehearsals for our KS2 production this term which will take place on the evening of Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July. The whole of Birch class will take part and each child will have a role (or roles!) to play. Scripts will be sent home for children to learn their lines- we would be grateful if you could support your child with this please.

### Homework

Your child should have received a homework grid for the term outlining activities to choose. Mr Smith sent out a separate letter explaining this in more detail. Please let me know if you require any additional resources or guidance.

### Y6 SATs

Y6 SATs will be taking place the w/c Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May. They will continue to be set work in their CGP SATs revision books for Maths and SPaG to support them in preparation for these tests. This is 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 if you haven't already. Please let me know if you require any additional resources or guidance.

### Residential

As you know, the class will be away on residential in the final week of this term (w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> May). Initial information has been shared and further information will follow.

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