



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 and Carers,

A welcome back to school and a bright new year. I can't quite believe it is 2022!

This term Mrs Hawes again will be in the classroom with us all of the time and currently we are joined by Mrs Hodgson, who will be working with small groups and 1:1 while we are advertising for a replacement teaching assistant supporting specific individuals in KS2.

Curriculum and Learning

We have started the term with a whole school topic: 'School through the Ages' to launch our 150th anniversary of the founding of our school. We have been learning about going to school in Victorian times and in the 1970s and will be looking at the evacuees that came to Newbottle and Charlton School during World War 2. We have spent a fantastic day as Victorian schoolchildren experiencing the subjects they learnt, the rules and punishments they had and the toys they played with. We will continue looking at how our school has changed through time, thinking about the building itself and the children who came to it for the next week.

Topic: Following on from this our topic will be Saxons and Vikings. We will be finding out what happened in Britain after the end of the Roman occupation up to 1066 when the Normans invaded. We will learn about the conflict between the Anglo Saxons and the Vikings and how our country was divided into many smaller kingdoms. We will be exploring the following questions- **From the end of the Roman occupation to 1066: how did Britain change? Who were the Anglo-Saxons? Were the Vikings always victorious and vicious?** We are planning a trip to Northampton Museum for after Half Term where we will be looking at Viking artefacts and artwork and meeting some 'real' Vikings to learn about their lives.

In English, we will be reading and analysing a Greek myth and using it to write our own Norse myth. We will be writing a persuasive advertisement and instructions. We will continue to expand our knowledge of prefixes and suffixes, parts of speech and punctuation and learn additional spelling rules.

In Maths, we will be working on multiplication and division, including fractions and learning about length. Year 3 will be concentrating on attaining fluency (by the end of the school year,) in their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables. Year 4, pupils will be working towards memorising all of their multiplication tables up to and including the 12 multiplication table by the end of the school year.

In Science We will be learning about magnetism and forces, specifically how a Viking long boat moved through the water. We will also be constructing a model longboat and learning about Saxon and Viking food.

In French, we will be learning to recognise some common verbs and activities concentrating on Je peux, (I can.) After Half Term we will progress to learning to name animals in French.

In Computing, we will use desktop publishing software and consider careful choices of font size, colour and type to edit and improve premade documents. We will start to add text and images to create our own pieces of work using desktop publishing software. We will look at a range of page layouts, think carefully about their



purpose and evaluate how and why desktop publishing is used in the real world. After Half Term, we will be learning more about programming and thinking about movement and mazes.

Our PE days this term will be Mondays and Thursdays. Mondays will be outdoor PE and we will be working on our cognitive skills and learning about attacking and defending. Thursdays will be dance where we will be thinking about artistry and partnering, identifying areas for personal improvement and giving and receiving constructive feedback. Please send your child to school with a PE kit suitable for indoor and outdoor PE on a Monday.

In RE we will be identifying some of the core beliefs of Sikhism. We will raise questions and find answers about what matters to Sikhs and how these influence their way of life.

In Music, we will be combining elements to make music and using glockenspiels and xylophones and sharing musical experiences

This term Elm will be at **Forest School** on a Friday afternoon.

Homework

As previously, homework will be set out on our Homework Grid, which you will find on Seesaw We ask that children complete a minimum of 4 this term and 6 next term (equivalent to one a week) + 20 minutes on Sumdog and Spelling Shed and reading 4 times per week. Please submit the homework on Seesaw and I will look at it each Monday as well as checking who has been onto Sumdog or Spelling Shed. Please let me know if you require any additional resources or guidance.

As ever, please don't hesitate to contact me with any queries and I look forward to working with you.

Kind regards

Bev Rowe
Elm Class Teacher