



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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Year 1 Oak Information letter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new term! Firstly, Mrs Bray and I would like to say thank you for the lovely Christmas cards and gifts, we are very lucky to have such thoughtful children and parents. I hope you all had a wonderful break and are feeling ready for the term ahead.

Curriculum and Learning

As per last term, Oak and Ash will continue to be taught in year groups for the following subjects: Maths, Phonics, PE, RE, Music, PSHE and Guided Reading. We continue to find this a successful method of teaching and the children love being together.

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 learning about significant historical figures such as Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale.
- **Maths** – In Maths we will be revisiting number and place value then move back to addition and subtraction. After half term we will also be covering length, height, mass and volume. Throughout there will continue to 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 using 'The Write Stuff' approach by Jane Considine. We are starting with a non-fiction unit writing a diary based on the Great Fire of London. After half term, we will complete another narrative adventure based on the book 'The Queens Hat'. We will also look at other picture books relating to this topic. We will continue to have a large focus on the development of 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** – Children are continuing their daily phonics lessons using the Essential Letters and Sounds scheme. We are now on phase 5 but children are still being supported in their phase 3 and 4 sounds – please read with them as often as possible to aid in this. We will also start preparing for the phonics screening check in the summer term. There will be an information evening about this closer to the time but please see the school website for further information.
- **Science** – We will continue to focus on the changing seasons as well as everyday materials. This will be on the context of the Great Fire of London and what the buildings were made of. After half term, we will be investigating the question: 'Did children in the past have a healthy lifestyle?'



- **Computing** - In computing we will be making music on the iPads and then moving onto robotics. The children will be using algorithms to move a BeeBot.
- **RE** - This term we will be focusing on the question: 'What is the good news that Jesus brings?'. We will also be visiting the church for a pretend Christening! After half term our question will be: 'Why does Easter matter to Christians?' and we will also be attending church for some Easter services.
- **PSHE**- This term children will be looking at the second key in our GREAT DREAM acronym (relating) – they will be reflecting on what makes a good friend and how to listen to others. They will also be focussing on how to keep safe, including information from the NSPCC. After half term, we will move onto the third key of exercising before moving onto our rights and responsibilities.
- **Music**- This term we will continue to learn tradition school hymns and songs. In classroom music we will be starting off with a unit called Superheroes, focussing on pitch and tempo. After half term our unit is called Musical Me and focuses on notation and performance.
- **PE** – PE days this term will continue to be on Monday afternoon and Friday morning. Monday will still be Real PE with Miss England and Friday will be badminton with myself. After half term, the Friday session will be dance. Please ensure your child's PE kit remains at school all week, you can then take the PE kit home on a Friday to wash if needed. We will be both inside and outside so please ensure the PE kit contains clothes for all weather (shorts, t-shirt, jogging bottoms, jumper and trainers)

Homework

Homework will be sent home in a grid outlining termly activities and targets. The activities are the same for the whole school and each child needs to complete reading, spelling on Spelling Shed and maths activities on Sumdog every week. We have also attached targets for the individual child which 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 some of 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. Our reading buddies are desperate for new homes!

I am really looking forward to the term ahead, Mrs Bray and I feel very lucky to be working with such wonderful children. Thank you for your continued support and please email the office if you have any queries.

Kind regards,
Miss H Dooley