



# Newbottle and 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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## Ash Class Curriculum letter Autumn 2024

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you and the children have enjoyed the summer break. We are both very excited to be teaching Ash class this year. Miss Hirst is delighted to be returning to KS1 and will be in the classroom on Mondays and Tuesdays. Mrs Hetherington, who teaches on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, is thrilled to be continuing in Ash again this year. We are also very lucky to have Mrs Bray as support in our classroom throughout the week.

### Curriculum and Learning

Although Year 1 and 2 are all together as one class, there are times when the children are separated into year groups to ensure that the curriculum is being taught effectively and the children are covering all that they should. This is the case for maths, phonics, guided reading and spelling. These subjects will be planned by us but may be delivered by either ourselves, Mrs Lovesay-Bonham or Mrs Bray. All other subjects will be taught together but adapted and the children supported and challenged as needed.

The children have been so keen to have started our whole school mini topic, based on the book 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers. We really hope they have shared their learning with you. Next week we're moving onto the topic 'All about me' where we will be adventuring through time and asking the question, 'How am I making History?'.

Maths- the children will be securing and developing their understanding of number and place value before moving on to addition and subtraction. They will also learn to identify, sort and make patterns with 2D and 3D shapes.

Science- we will be observing the changes in our natural world as the seasons change from Summer to Autumn before moving on to investigating animals, including humans. Next term we will focus on exploring the properties of everyday materials.

Computing- we will be looking at computing systems and networks whilst developing our mouse skills and word processing. Then we will move on to programming Algorithms.

RE- This term we will be asking the questions; 'Who am I? What does it mean to belong?' and 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?' as we prepare for our Nativity performance!

PSHE- we will focus on 'me and my relationships'. We will also be developing our ability to express and regulate our feelings by starting our new 'Feel It' scheme.

Art and DT- our 'Artist of the Term' is Cecilia Vicuña. Our art focus is craft and design. We will be looking at creative techniques such as wool wrapping and weaving, during our special 'Art Day' later in the term! In DT we will be learning about structures to create houses. After half term we will focus on maps through art and learn about fruits and vegetables and create smoothies.

English- we will begin with story writing based on the book 'Cave Baby' by Julia Donaldson and Emily Gravett. As reading and story time are such important parts of KS1 we will look at various exciting books linked to ourselves.

#### **Homework**

**All the details on homework you will find in a separate homework information guide including reading and the handing out of decodable books**

PE: our PE days this term will be on Mondays and Fridays. However, please ensure PE kits are left at school throughout the week as this may change as our timetables adapts to events. We are on hand to support the children but please do make sure all clothing (both school uniform and PE kits) are labelled clearly as the children are encouraged to be as independent as possible with changing their clothes.

We are excited to have Miss England working with us on Mondays for our Real Gym sessions. This term, the children will learn the coordination and skill involved in team games. Next half term they will have the opportunity to develop those skills during football.

The children will need footwear suitable for sports outside and warmer outer clothing as the weather turns colder.

linked to phonics.

**Being in Ash Class is a magical time where the children transition from learning the cognitions of how to read to developing a love of reading that will set them up for life! We are so keen to develop this passion so please know how much we value the time that you can spend on snuggling up and reading to your child.**



**To encourage a lifelong love of reading, the children have the opportunity to bring home an additional book they can read, or listen to, from the classroom or library (in addition to their decodable one). You can keep this book for as long as you like as a family, and the children will be responsible for changing it when they are ready. This does not need to be recorded in the yellow Reading**

**Records.**

**We are really looking forward to working with the children this year and please know that our door is always open for you to come and discuss any queries or concerns.**

**Kind regards,**

**Miss Hirst and Mrs Hetherington**