



# Newbottle and Charlton CEVA Primary School

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## Elm Class Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the first term of 2025! We hope your child had a good break and is looking forward to lots of new learning, experiences and opportunities. Thank you for our Christmas cards, well wishes and gifts. This letter will provide you with some key information and an overview of the term ahead.

### Staff

Elm class will continue to be taught by Mrs Hogan and Mrs Lovesay-Bonham, and supported by Mrs Jones, Miss Simm, Miss Rosoman and Mrs Hodgson throughout the week.

### Routines

This term, Elm class will have PE on Wednesdays and either PE or Swimming on Friday mornings (information will be sent about this separately). Children are required to bring their PE kits with them to change into. Please ensure your child has appropriate footwear and clothes (plain in colour).

### Curriculum and Learning

- **Topic-** We have started our new history topic for the term, our key question is: 'Would you prefer to live in the Stone Age, Iron Age, or Bronze Age?' After half term, we will be exploring a geography unit all about rivers and why they are important to us, which will hopefully involve some fieldwork and outdoor learning opportunities.
- **English-** Our English topics will be based on a range of texts and make links to our topics where possible. Children will be exploring a variety of texts including 'The Barnabus Project', 'The First Drawing' and 'The Tear Thief'. They will learn how to write a range of text types including brochures, newspaper articles, and historical narratives.
- **Maths-** In maths, we will be focussing on the following blocks: addition and subtraction, multiplication and division; mass and capacity; and time throughout the Spring terms. We will also be continuing our mastery times table programme.
- **Science-** Our first science topic this term is 'Rocks' where children will learn about different types of rocks, weathering and erosion, and fossils. They will also be developing their scientific enquiry skills through a range of investigations. After half term, they will learn about 'States of Matter'.
- **Art/DT-** This term children will be looking at paint and mixed media linked to prehistoric paintings. Children will be creating charcoal animals and cave paintings and will eventually hold an 'art gallery' for KS1 to visit linked to our oracy project. After half term, we will develop our DT skills through a construction project linked to rivers and bridges.

- **Music-** This term we will be having a music afternoon linked to Chinese New Year Festival. Children will learn about pentatonic melodies, notation and compose and perform pieces linked to the Chinese Dragon. After half term, they will learn about dynamics, pitch and tempo linked to the rivers' unit.
- **Computing-** This term we will have a whole computing day which will focus on photo editing where they will develop their understanding of how digital images can be changed and edited, resaved. After half term, they will data and information logging whilst continuing to learn about online safety and managing online information.
- **PE-** This term the children will develop their cognitive skills through our Real PE scheme, taking part in a range of activities and games. They will also be doing badminton on Wednesdays with Mrs England. Children will also have a water safety session (more information to be provided).
- **PSHE-** This term our theme 'Keeping Safe' which will involve learning about managing risks and dangers (including online); personal space; and medicines/drugs. We will also have a visit from the Life Education Space where we will explore 'Our Brain'. Next term our theme will be 'Rights and Respect'. In this unit children will learn about our rights and responsibilities; rules and democracy; and money and savings.
- **French-** This term children will explore some cultural aspects of France and learn about 'Days of the Week' and 'Months of the Year'. After half term, they will look at a unit all about 'Our Town'. They will be developing their language skills through a range of speaking, listening, reading and writing activities.
- **RE-** This term children will be thinking about a range of religions and exploring the question: 'What are the deeper meanings of festivals?' After half term, we will be learning more about the Christian celebration of Easter and thinking about 'Why do Christians call the day after Jesus died Good Friday?'

#### **Homework**

Homework has been set on Sumdog (maths and English) and new spelling lists have been sent home for your child to practise this term. We are continuing with our Reading Challenge which the children are really enjoying. Daily reading is important and should be encouraged to support your child's confidence, fluency and comprehensions skills. Children are able to choose books from our class library and will have weekly opportunities to visit our school library and borrow books. Please let us know if you require any additional resources or guidance.

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.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hogan and Mrs Lovesay-Bonham

Elm Class Teachers