



Newbottle and Charlton CEVA Primary School

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Elm Class Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year! We hope your child has had a positive start to the term and is looking forward to lots of new learning, experiences and opportunities this year. This letter will provide you with some key information and an overview of the term ahead.

Staff

This year, Elm class will be taught by Mrs Hogan and Mrs Lovesay-Bonham, and supported by Mrs Jones, Miss Simm, Mr Thompson, Miss Rosoman and Mrs Hodgson throughout the week.

Routines

This term, Elm class will have PE on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. 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). After half term, they will start swimming on a Friday- more information regarding these sessions will be sent home nearer the time.

Curriculum and Learning

We have started the year with our whole school global topic based on the book 'Here We Are'. We have been exploring this theme through writing, art and geography. Next week we will be launching our new class topic, 'Ancient Egypt' with our key question being: 'What did the Ancient Egyptians believe?' We have booked a trip to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford to immerse the children in this fascinating topic.

After half term our geography topic will be 'Deserts' where we will explore the questions: 'Would you like to live in a desert?'

- **Topic-** We will be exploring our new topics and key questions in a range of ways. In history we will learn about what life was like in ancient Egypt and what beliefs they had. In geography children will develop their understanding of deserts looking at climates, countries and physical features.
- **English-** Our English topics will be based on a range of texts and make links to our topics where possible. Children will be exploring texts including 'The Heart and the Bottle', 'The Story of Tutankhamun' and 'Cinderella of the Nile'. They will learn how to write a range of text types including narratives, biographies and guidebooks.
- **Maths-** In maths, we will be focussing on the following blocks: number and place value; addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and shape throughout the Autumn terms. We will also be continuing our new mastery times table programme.
- **Science-** Our first science topic this term is 'Light' where children will learn about sources of light, how we see and shadows. They will also be developing their scientific enquiry skills through investigations. After half term, they will learn about 'Sound'.
- **Art/D&T-** This term children will be looking at two craft and design units in art where they will create Egyptian scrolls, zines and explore fabric in nature. In DT we will be looking at cooking and nutrition, adapting a recipe to make bread.

- **Computing-** This term we will be learning how to design and create a stop frame animation using iMotion. They will also be working on their general computing and word processing skills as well as E-Safety. Next term, they will develop their programming skills.
- **Music-** Children will develop their singing and performance skills within singing assemblies and after half term they will be learning songs for our Christingle service.
- **PE-** This term the children will develop their personal skills through our Real PE scheme, taking part in a range of activities and games each Wednesday with Mrs England. They will also have Football on Thursday afternoons. After half term, they will focus on social skills within OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activities) and begin swimming sessions on Fridays.
- **PSHE-** This term our theme 'Me and My Relationships'. We have introduced our new daily 'Feel It' programme which explores emotions and feelings. We are also learning about the importance of knowing how recognise our feelings and how to express and manage them. Next term our theme will be 'Valuing Differences' with a focus on Anti-Bullying week.
- **French-** This term's units are 'Phonics' and 'I am learning French' where we will explore the French language and culture and learn some of the basics including numbers and colours. They will be developing their language skills through a range of speaking, listening, reading and writing activities.
- **RE-** This term children will be studying two Christianity units. This half term we will be thinking about the question 'What do Christians learn from the Creation Story?'. After half term, we will be exploring 'What kind of world did Jesus want?'

Forest School

We are pleased to be able to offer the children Forest School again this year. Elm class will have their sessions every Friday morning between now and October half term.

Homework

We have attached an information booklet for all the details on homework this year. Your child has also been given a reading record which can be used to record books your child has read and any comments you wish to share about your child's reading. Daily reading is really 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. We look forward to working with you over the next few months and hope it will be a positive and productive start to the year.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hogan and Mrs Lovesay-Bonham

Elm Class Teachers