

# Newnham Croft Primary School

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**Year 1 ~ Miss K Wakelen**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to start by saying a huge THANK YOU for my generous Christmas gifts and I hope you have all had a restful break!

This term we will be starting a topic about Fire. We will be learning about the historical event of the Great Fire of London.

Please find enclosed with this letter our curriculum outline with more detail of what we will be learning about in the Spring term.

As with last term, there may be times when children are isolating, due to Covid. In this instance, we will aim to have a short morning Zoom session to introduce the day's learning (activities for which will be posted on the Google Classroom site and the time for the Zoom will be communicated when required). Please ensure your child can access the Google Classroom website – we can reset passwords if needed.

## **Morning Routine**

The bell will ring at 8.50 am. Please ensure your child has joined our class line before then. The children have been coming in well in the mornings and independently getting themselves ready for the day.

## **Home Folders**

The home folder should have your child's **reading record** and any **school books** that they are reading. The home folder should be brought into class by your child on **Thursday**. Their books will be changed then and any helpful resources sent home in their folders.

## **Snacks and Water Bottles**

You do not need to provide a snack at playtime as the children will receive a piece of fruit or vegetable everyday as part of our healthy schools initiative. Please continue to send your child's labelled water bottle to school each day. Drinking water regularly during the day helps to keep children well hydrated.

## **Lunchtime**

Please see the newsletter for the lunch menu and talk it through with your child, especially if you know they are a fussy eater! Don't forget school dinners are free for all children in Reception and Key Stage 1. If you think you might be entitled to Pupil Premium please complete the form using the link on the school website.

## **Packed Lunch**

If you are sending your child in with a packed lunch, please ensure you tell your child in the morning and encourage them to put it on the trolley by themselves so they know where to find it. They will inform me of their lunch choice during the register. Please also try to provide a healthy meal.

**Nut Allergy**

I would like to thank you all for your continued consideration and support in making our school a nut free environment.

**PPA Cover**

Mrs Marroncelli (RE), Mrs Onatskaia (music) and Cambridge United (P.E) will teach the class each Tuesday afternoon to provide release time in order for us to be able to carry out planning, preparation and assessment activities.

**Active wear and Clothing**

Please ensure that children come to school dressed for being active. Trainers, or shoes similar to trainers, are ideal as school footwear, but wellies, walking boots, plimsolls and sandals are not helpful and can be dangerous if worn when running about. Pupils should wear clothing that is flexible enough and that will not get caught in PE and playtime equipment.

Can I also remind you that it is still very cold in our classroom, so if you know your child feels the cold please ensure that they have enough layers on. A **WATERPROOF coat** is essential in school **every day**.

**Outdoor Classroom/Forest School**

Please ensure that your child has adequate outdoor clothing at school so that they can participate. A warm, waterproof jacket and wellies are essential.

**Reading**

It is wonderful to hear that so many of the children are continuing to read daily. We have been talking in class about the importance of reading at home on a daily basis. It would be really beneficial for your child if he/she could read for about **ten minutes every day**.

**Religious Education**

The children will be finding out about special religious occasions and how people celebrate them. It would be very much appreciated if any parent/carer would like to share their experiences with the class. This might involve a short talk of about fifteen minutes, showing photographs and artefacts, followed by a question and answer session. If you feel able to support us in this area of the curriculum please let me know. This would be conducted via Zoom.

**Parent Teacher Consultations**

The parent teacher consultations will be the afternoon of 8<sup>th</sup> February via Zoom 1.30 - 5pm. Booking details will be sent to you all shortly.

Thank you for all of your support

Kindest regards,

Katie Wakelen  
(Class Teacher)