

Newnham Croft Primary School

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Summer term at Newnham Croft – Year 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school. This term we will be starting a new topic based on *What are rivers and how are they used?* You will find a breakdown of the skills and areas of the curriculum the children will be covering on the topic overview that can be found on the school's website in the coming days. If you are an expert in this area and would like to come into school and share your knowledge with the children, please speak to me before or after school. I would also appreciate any books or resources you may have to help us make the topic as interesting as possible.

Start and End of the Day

The bell for the start of the day will continue to be rung at 8.45am and the children will be asked to line up. At this point the adults who have accompanied their children will be asked to leave the playground. The second bell will then go and the children will be led into school by their class teacher. The children will be sent to the front playground for collection at 3.15pm. I would be grateful if you could ensure that your child arrives promptly for the start of the school day as this avoids disruptions. If your child is late, please sign them in at the office.

School lunches

Payment is made through SchoolGateway if you decide to select this option for your child. The school dinner menu is displayed in the school kitchen window, on the website and emailed with the weekly newsletter. You may prefer instead to send your child in with a packed lunch which needs to be placed on the trolleys in the playground at the start of the school day. We are a nut-free school so please do not bring foods containing nuts.

Snacks and Water Bottles

Healthy snacks can be supplied from home if you desire your child to have one at break times. We would be grateful if you could continue to send your child's labelled water bottle to school each day. Drinking water regularly during the day obviously helps to keep them fully hydrated.

PE times and Active Wear

Our swimming sessions will take place on Tuesday mornings starting on 29th April. Please can you ensure that your child brings a one-piece swimming costume and towel with them. Swimming goggles are optional. Our other PE session will take place on Wednesday afternoon and will be overseen by Premier Sports. Please can you ensure that your child has suitable clothing and footwear (in line with the school's active wear policy) not just on these days but for the whole of the week as PE times may change due to unforeseen circumstances. Active wear means: Clothes and footwear comfortable and appropriate for physical activity (not sandals).

PPA Cover

PPA will be covered on Wednesday afternoons by Mrs Onatskaia (Music) and Premier Sports (P.E) in order for me to be able to carry out planning, preparation and assessment activities.

Trainee teacher

We are very lucky this term to have Miss Gilman joining Year 4 to complete her final teaching placement. The children met Miss Gilman at the end of last term and she will be with us till 20th June.

Forest Schools and Outdoor Classroom

The children will be using the areas outside the classroom to extend their learning as well as Forest school sessions. Our date for Forest Schools for the Summer Term are Friday 2nd May, Thursday 8th May and Friday 16th May. We ask that you provide a waterproof coat, trousers and wellies on these days but also ensure that your child is suitably dressed on other school days so that we can enjoy the outside space around the school, whatever the weather.

Reading

Listening to your child read daily is highly recommended. Every week, your child will continue to have the opportunity to select a few reading books they wish to take home. Children may change books at register time. I always encourage the children to select broad selection of books that encompass a wide selection of different genres. It is vital to stimulate a love of reading at this age and to nurture an ability to discuss what they have read.

School Trip

We are hoping to organise a trip that is connected to our topic at some point during the term. Details of this will be sent out nearer the time.

Spellings

Each Friday a list of spellings will be sent home for your child to practise. You may wish to dictate sentences that contain some of these words and get your child to think about the punctuation they need to include.

TimesTables Rockstars

Please can you encourage your child to use Times Tables Rockstars to improve their rapid recall of their times tables and related division facts. The 'Multiplication Tables Check' will be in the week beginning 2nd June. We will invite parents to come in and try the practice version of the test as soon as it is available.

Open Afternoon

You will have the opportunity to share your child's learning after school on Monday 9th June.

International Afternoon

We will be holding a celebration of the international make up of our school community during our International Afternoon on Thursday 22nd May. This used to be a much enjoyed event in our school calendar which is making a welcome come back. This year, we will be looking at India and each class will find out about an aspect of that country. All parents are invited to join us from 2.45 pm until 3.30pm on Thursday 22nd May to enjoy the children's learning. If you have photos, clothes or artefacts from India that you would like to display at the event, please let us know. More details will be shared closer to the time.

Grafham Water trip

Our residential trip is coming up soon on 8th and 9th May. Please make sure you've paid up on SchoolGateway and get your bag ready using the packing list already sent (and attached). If you have any questions about what items to bring, do come and speak with me.

Other Diary Dates

Friday 25th April – Skipping Ninja

Tuesday 15th July 9.00am – 12.00pm – KS2 Sports Day (Thursday 17th July reserve day).

Communication

If you wish to talk to me regarding any aspect of your child's schooling please feel free to briefly chat to me at the start or end of the school day or email the school office and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

Kindest Regards,
Mrs Cullen
(Class Teacher)