

Newnham Croft Primary School

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Summer term at Newnham Croft – Year 5

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your family have had a lovely spring break. Our geography topic for the first half term is oceans, while in science we will be looking at how animals (including humans) change as they grow up. If you are an expert in this field, please get in touch; it would be great to use some of the knowledge residing in the parent body to enrich the children's learning. Previously, we have had parents delivering workshops, assemblies and presentations, so please get in touch if this is something you would like to do.

In English, the children will be working on writing and rehearsing their play. Our learning objectives for all subjects can be found in our curriculum overviews if you would like more detail. These will be available on our website in the coming days.

Routines and staffing

Children need to be in the playground, ready to come into class, by 8.45am, and will finish their day at 3.15pm. If you need to speak to us briefly, teachers will be available on the playground from 8.35am on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please contact the office if you need a longer meeting with us. In Year 5, we aim for the children to be independent so, whenever possible, please encourage your child to come and talk to us themselves if they have any queries or worries.

The children will be taught by Mrs Roberts (PE) and Mrs Onatskaia (music) on Thursday afternoons. In class, the children will be supported by:

Mornings: Mrs Onatskaia

Monday afternoons: Mrs Burke

French on Tuesday afternoons: Ms Noble

Thursday afternoons: Mrs Cummins

Friday afternoons: Mrs Wood

The children will have two PE lessons a week – Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon. Your child is expected to wear appropriate active wear at all times, and to take part in every lesson: if he or she is unable to do this for any reason, please speak to us before school or write a short note to inform us of any issues. Children with long hair must also bring in something to tie it back with and no jewellery is allowed in school without written permission.

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.

Dates for your diaries:

Year 5 Thorpe Woodlands residential: Wednesday 30th April to Friday 2nd May

Year 5 play: Wednesday 21st May at 5pm.

International Afternoon: Thursday 22nd May

School auction: Friday 6th June 6pm

Open afternoon: Monday 9th June

Sports day: Tuesday 15th July

Home learning

Home learning should follow the themes and guidance outlined in the policy (see the school website). We will be sending home a weekly task (alternating between SPaG and maths), which is given out on Monday, and needs to be handed in by Friday. It is highly recommended that you listen to your child read every day for about 15 minutes and then to discuss what they have read with them. It is also very important that your child practises their times tables every day if they have not yet learned them all. This should be done in regular short bursts (around 5 minutes per day). Times Tables Rock Stars is a brilliant way to do this (and enables me to track their progress) but any method that works for your family is great.

I am looking forward to a very exciting summer term.

Kind regards,
Mrs Kivisild