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Spring term – Year 6

Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to the start of a new term at Newnham Croft. The Y6 adults would all like to say thank you for your kind words and gifts at the end of last term.

The spring term is a busy term in Y6 as we start out SATs preparation and go on our residential trip to Hilltop Outdoor Centre (18th March – 21st March).

This half-term we will have two topic focuses: in history we will be learning about the Sikh Empire and in science, Evolution.

Y6 Staff

Mrs Turner will continue to teach the class every Friday morning and alternate Friday afternoons. We will continue to have specialist teachers coming in to Y6: Mrs Roberts (from Premier Sports) will be teaching outdoor PE on Wednesdays (please ensure your child is in active wear everyday); Mrs Onatskaia will be teaching music also on Wednesdays; French lessons will be with Ms Noble and me on Tuesdays. In class, Year 6 will continue to be supported by our Learning Support Assistants: Ms D’Oyly on a Monday morning and Mrs Elbourne on Tuesday to Friday mornings. We will also be welcoming back our student teacher, Miss Baxter, who will be continuing her training with us this half term.

Assessments

Year 6 children completed a range of assessments before the winter break. We were all really pleased with the results and the progress children had made. This is part of the whole school’s ongoing tracking of progress but also to help Year 6 prepare for the national tests in May. This term, we will be continuing to run booster and extension groups to support the children with their English and maths. If you want to get a head start with revision, I would recommend the CGP Study Books especially for maths and SPaG. A reminder, if you want to do extra SATs papers at home, please do not use 2023, 2024 or 2025 - there are lots of others you can use. Also a reminder, we have a meeting to talk about assessments on Friday 23rd of January at 9am.

Homework

We will continue sending home weekly SPaG and maths, which will be given out on Monday, and will need to be back in by Friday. There are also extension maths tasks on Google Classroom; although these have not been very popular in the autumn term, maybe they will

be this term. Year 6 should be spending 30 - 40 minutes on each subject a week. Children should also have the Year 5 and 6 spelling words to practise and it is very useful if children read for at least fifteen minutes a day at home too.

Netball

All Year 6 pupils are welcome to attend Netball Club and there is no need to email again about places - we have space for all of Y6. The club takes place on Thursday mornings at 8:00am. Children should arrive wearing activewear. Please note that, unlike afternoon clubs run by Mrs Burke, there is no adult taking a register on arrival, so parents/carers will need to ensure their child arrives safely at school.

Communication and Consultations

Looking ahead, we will have an open afternoon for you to share your children's learning with them and look at their books on Monday the 2nd of March, from 3.15-4pm, and parents' consultations will be the week after on Monday the 9th and Tuesday the 10th of March. Appointments can be booked via eSchools closer to the date. For parents/ carers of children on the SEN register or with an APDR, I will arrange a separate meeting, so please do not book an additional appointment during consultation week.

In the meantime, Mrs Turner or I will be on the playground every day at 8.35am if you want to pass on a message or arrange a meeting; I am sometimes slightly late out on a Thursday as it is Netball Club before school. We are aiming for the children to be independent, so whenever possible, please do encourage your child to come and talk to us themselves if they have any queries or worries.

Yours sincerely,
Ms Holliday