



Newnham News

Friday 7 January 2022

Headteacher: Mr Andy Matthews

Attachments

- Lunch menu
- French club flyer

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to what we all hope will be a great 2022. I trust that you all had peaceful and joy-filled holiday, and that your children are ready for their return to school. I'm going to avoid mentioning Covid as much as possible, as I'm sure you've heard enough from everyone about that recently. All I need to say is that cases in school remain low, and these are all children who have not yet returned to school this term. I also wish all the best to those of you trying to return from far-off places, I hope your flights etc get sorted out soon.

Should we start to get cases in school, then I will obviously let you know as soon as possible. Arrangements have been made for teachers to deliver remote provision if required and these should be explained in the Curriculum class letter that you should also have received today. This letter will also mention the upcoming Zoom parent consultations, which will happen during the week of 7 February. You will be told next week how and when to book your appointments.

Your children have been brilliant on their return to school and have been really positive in starting their new topics. Topic webs and class timetables will be posted for you to read on the school website very soon. This will give you an overview of the aspects of each subject being addressed through the topic.

It has also been lovely to welcome Miss Sheridan to the school and see her form such a quick bond with the Year 4 class. I'm sure they've already come home with happy reflections on their new teacher.

In the weeks ahead we are looking forward to a raft of lovely things for the children to enjoy, with our fingers crossed that everything we want can happen.

A huge thank you from Reception

The children and staff would like to say thank you to both our wonderful PTA and Mr Jach. With the amazing fundraising the PTA do for our school, Mr Jach was able to build a mud kitchen for the children to use. He built water storage with a pump for the children to access, along with a super bucket balance, so they can weigh out the correct quantities of soil and leaves to make the best tasting mud pies! The PTA also made it possible for us to buy real tools for the children to create their own models using wood. The children have been thrilled by both of these additions to our outdoor provision.

As a follow up to this, we have another request! If you have any thin strips of wood we can have, we would be extremely grateful. We have some wood at the moment which is a little too thick and therefore too challenging for our youngest children to saw through.



Classroom Round-up:

Reception

It is great to have the children back in school and hear about their many exciting holiday tales. We have started to read the first of our class books for this term, 'I will NOT ever NEVER eat a tomato' by Lauren Child, linked to our topic 'The Food We Eat'. We have also been counting things that cannot be seen or moved, such as how many times Mrs Fang jumped or Miss Blake clapped her hands. In Phonics, we have been reviewing the phonemes learnt last term.

Year 1

What a fantastic start of term in Year 1. All of the children have settled in well. The children have been consolidating their subtraction skills in Maths and learning to write numbers to 20 in words. We have started our 'fire' topic and the children have written some great riddles using their collection of adjectives. We enjoyed exploring ice skating movements in dance this week. We watched a video of a professional for inspiration.

Class 1/2N and 1/2C

The children have settled back in to school life and have been busy catching up with their friends and getting used to the routines of the classroom again. In Art, we enjoyed mixing hot colours with different media. In Phonics, the Year 1

children have been consolidating their work on the phonics sounds and tricky words up to Phase 5 and practising segmenting and blending. In Spelling, the Year 2 children learnt how to add s and ed to verbs and in grammar, they continued to write and recognise sentences in the past and present tense. In Maths, the Year 2s described arrays and pictures using multiplication sentences and used partitioning to solve multiplication problems. The Year 1 children practised using the equals sign and finding one more and one less than 2-digit numbers using a number line or 100 number square. In Science, we observed what has changed in our environment and how we know the season has changed from autumn to winter.

Year 3

It has been so lovely to be reunited with Year 3 and hear about their wonderful winter breaks. This week, the class have been introduced to Ms Sheridan, the new Year 4 teacher and their new exciting topic *Magic, Potions & Spells*. In English, the class were given an image of woodland inspired by our new topic and have been practising writing out paragraphs based around a theme. In SPAG, the class have started using the suffix -ness when followed by a consonant. In Maths, Year 3 have been recapping 3-digit numbers by choosing where to place them on a number line, ordering them and creating 3-digit numbers using their knowledge of place value. In Science, Year 3 and 4 came together to learn about states of matter. The classes investigated which materials were solids and which were liquids based on whether they felt the particles of the materials were compact or free flowing. Welcome back and well done Year 3 for a great first week back.

Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have been looking at poetry, specifically the use of alliteration and repetition to create our own poems. In Maths, we started our unit on fractions. This week's focuses have been on unit fractions, non-unit fractions and equivalent fractions. We also started our topic: Magic, Potions and Spells! This linked to our Science, in which we were learning about states of matter.

Year 5

In Year 5 in Maths, we have been looking at place value and 6-digit numbers, placing them on number lines as well as completing calculations using different methods (e.g. rounding and written methods). We have also started our topic, the Kingdom of Benin, locating it on a map, and placing it on a timeline. In Computing, we have started to look at using spreadsheets and how to format cells.

Year 6

This week in Maths we have been learning how to subtract 6 and 7 digit numbers. In History we are starting a new topic – the Benin kingdom. We have also started a new book which is called War Horse. In Computing we are learning to use Excel and Google sheets. Finally, in PE we have been doing hockey with Mr West. *By Tomke, Sofia and Fin*

School Meals

Next week will be the week 2 menu (attached). The cost of a school meal is £2.40.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter, a copy of which can be found on our school website:

www.newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk

Yours faithfully,

Andy Matthews, Headteacher

Newnham Football

Your team of Newnham Parents is putting back on social, fun and inclusive football sessions at the school every Saturday from 15th January from 11.30 to 4pm. With classes for all year groups and the nicest external coach possible, it's a great way for the kids to get outside, get (a little bit) muddy probably, learn a few more skills and have a lot of fun in the process. Contact us for more info at

newnhamsportsfootball@gmail.com or on 07983 490101.

Lunchtime French Club

Please see the attached flyer.