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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to the start of the spring term at Newnham Croft.

This half-term we will have two topics to focus on: in geography we will be learning about Eastern Europe and in science we will be looking at Earth and space.

In class, Year 6 will be supported by our brilliant TAs, although there will be some changes this term. Mrs Elbourne will be working more in other classes but she will still be with us on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and we will be joined by Mrs Carrington on Thursday and Friday mornings. Ms Noble will still be with us for three hours in the afternoons and Mrs Wood will come in on Fridays to mark homework. Mr Friday (from Premier Sports) will be teaching outdoor PE on Thursdays (please ensure your child is in active wear or brings PE kit to change into), Mrs Onatskaia will continue teaching music also on Thursdays, French lessons will be with Ms Noble and I on Wednesdays and Mrs D'Oyly teach art every other week on a Tuesday.

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.

Home learning should follow the guidance outlined in the policy (see the school website). 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 - 45 minutes on each subject a week. Children should have the Year 5 and 6 spelling words to practise (please ask if you need another copy) and it is also very useful if children read for at least fifteen minutes a day while at home.

Parent consultations will be on Monday 6th February from 3:30-6:00pm and on Tuesday 7th February from 1:30-4:30pm. The booking system will open nearer the time. This term they will both be in-person consultations, but please get in touch with the office if there are any problems. There will be an open afternoon for all parents/carers on Monday 30th January from 3.15 pm. However, please be aware that I have been called up for Jury Duty during this period. I have requested to postpone this until after the SATS as I do not think it would be fair to the children to disrupt their learning. I hope to hear back within a week if my request is successful.

I will be on the playground every day at 8.40am if you want to pass on a message or arrange a meeting. 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 faithfully,

Ms Holliday