

# Newnham Croft Primary School

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## Curriculum Letter Year 1 ~ Miss K Wakelen (class teacher)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to what I hope will be a wonderful school year after such strange and uncertain times! I look forward to getting to know your children and supporting them through Year 1.

Going into this new year we will have different routines and I hope you find this letter helpful to you and to talk through with your child.

### Morning Routine

I will meet you all in the main playground between 8.40 and 8.50, where your child will need to line up in their class. At 8.50 the bell will ring and children will be led into school by an adult. If your child is late, please sign them in at the office.

### Active Wear

We are an active school and we ask that all children come to school in Active Wear **every day**. This means we can make the most of our learning time with all children being ready and not having to wait for others to change. The children are as physical and active in break and lunch times as they are in PE so it makes sense that they have suitable clothing at all times. We ask that they are in trainers and comfortable clothing so they are able to move freely (**no denim or skirts and dresses please**).

### Lunch

Don't forget school dinners are free for all children in Key Stage 1.

Please can you teach your child how to use a knife and fork independently at home? This is now an expectation of Year 1s in the dinner hall.

If you think you might be entitled to Pupil premium please complete the form attached to the school weekly Newsletter or use the link on the school website.

### Jewellery

The children should **not** wear any jewellery to school including pierced ear earrings but they may wear watches. Please note that watches must be removed for P.E.

### PPA Cover

Mrs Marroncelli will teach the class each Tuesday afternoon to provide release time in order to enable me to carry out planning, preparation and assessment activities.

### Snacks and Water Bottles

You do **not** need to provide a snack at playtime as the children will receive a piece of fruit or vegetable everyday as part of our healthy schools initiative. Please continue to send your child's labelled water bottle to school each day. Drinking water regularly during the day helps to keep children well hydrated.

### Physical Education

Our PE session will take place on a Thursday morning and one other at different points in the week (our timetable changes week to week).

### Forest Schools and Outdoor Classroom

The children will be using the areas outside the classroom to extend their learning as well as Forest schools. We ask that you provide a waterproof coat and wellies. We will be doing outdoor learning in all weathers. These can be kept in a named bag on their pegs in the cloakroom.



**Reading**

It is wonderful to hear that so many of the children are reading or being read to daily. We are beginning our Home Reading Logs next week. We will change books on a Monday and Friday. You can of course read *any book or story* with your child and record it in their reading logs. We have been talking in class about the importance of reading at home on a daily basis. It would be really beneficial for your child if he/she could read or be read to for about ten minutes every day. To further encourage the children, each child will receive a certificate on completion of 50 home reading sessions (these can be written in the reading record books). In addition to this we will soon have access to an online reading scheme that you can access at home. Look out for the email that will be sent in the next few weeks to tell you more.

**Italian Lessons**

The children will start to have Italian lessons each week. Classes will take place on Monday mornings for about 20-30 minutes. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to learn greetings, numbers, colours, foods and other daily Italian word and phrases.

**Parent Consultations**

Parent/Teacher consultations will be held on Thursday, 21st October from 3.30 – 6.00 pm and Friday, 22nd October from 1.30 – 4.30 pm.

Thank you for your support in making such a positive and happy start for your child in this new school year.

Kindest Regards,  
Katie Wakelen  
(Class Teacher)