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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to the start of your child(ren)'s year in Year 6 at Newnham Croft. We're looking forward to a busy and exciting term.

We have a slight change to the times of the school day. Children will need to be in the playground, ready to come into class, at 8.45am, and will finish their day at 3.15pm. If you need to talk to me briefly or pass on a message, I will be on the playground just before the start of the day. Alternatively, you can make an appointment through the office for a longer 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.

In terms of topics, this term sees us starting off with a three week overview on World War I, to help give a context for the rest of the term's theme of World War II. Within this topic, we'll be looking at the events that led up to the world wars, and how life in the UK was changed by this. This topic starts by focusing on the people who fought for our freedom in this way, including a planned visit to Bletchley Park to learn about the codebreakers next half term. Creatively, the children will also learn about dances through the decades and art and artists linked to the wars. In science, the learning is focused around the life cycles of both mammals, humans and flowering plants. This topic is a continuation of the previous topic with the science shifting to build from the previous work on life cycles into a greater understanding of inheritance and evolution. In computing, work we'll look at how modern technology communicates data in different ways. Some of our English units will be linked to our topics and we will start by reading War Horse by Michael Morpurgo and maths will be taught discretely.

Parent consultations for this term will be on the week beginning 17th October. As of yet, we are unsure about whether it will be in person or over Zoom. We will be sending out a quick questionnaire to see your preferences, so please do respond to and we'll let you know sign-up options as soon as we know.

As mentioned, Year 5 and 6 have a visit planned to Bletchley Park, to fit in with our topic of WWI and WWII. This will be on Monday 7th November. We will send out more details nearer the time.

Year 6 will also be taking part in our usual Forest School sessions starting after half term, although the dates have yet to be finalised.

All classes will be having a short information meeting, for those wishing to attend, on Wednesday 7th September at 9:00am. This will be to discuss the information in this letter

and talk about the year ahead; it will also be a chance for you to be able to put faces to the names of the adults working with your children this year.

We are lucky to be able to have some wonderful TAs working with us in Y6 this year. Mrs Elbourne will be working with our class every morning, Ms Noble will be with us for three, hour- sessions in the afternoons and Mrs Wood will be with us Friday afternoons.

On Thursday afternoons, Y6 will have PE with Mr Friday (our new Premier Sports PE teacher as Mr West has been promoted to management) and music with Mrs Onatskaia so all children need active wear on that day. Our second PE lesson this term will be swimming on Wednesdays; please look out for the letter the office will be sending home. We will also have art lessons taught by Ms D'Oyly on some Tuesday afternoons this term and Ms Noble will use her language expertise as we team teach our weekly French sessions on Wednesdays.

Home learning will be sending home weekly SPaG and maths booklets, which will be given out on Monday and returned by Friday. The children have a choice of optional extra challenges as well. It is very useful if children read for at least fifteen minutes a day at home. Please also support your child with practising their spellings.

Finally, if any of the areas of study this term are your areas of expertise, please get in touch; it would be great to have visitors back in school. Previously, we have had parents delivering workshops, assemblies and presentations, so please do get in touch if this is something you would like to do,

Best wishes,

Ms Holliday