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Summer term at Newnham Croft – Reception

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to Reception and we hope that you have had an enjoyable spring break. Here are a few details about this term, which we hope you will find helpful.

Topic

The topic for this half-term is 'The Wonderful Outside'. The children will have the opportunity to share their own ideas for what they would like to do during the topic and we will try to incorporate as much of this as possible into our planning. Some of the learning for the literacy element of the topic will be based on the book *Aaargh Spider!* By Lydia Monks. As always, please do not read the book to the children so that we can explore it together as a class.

When we discuss religious, non-religious or cultural celebrations or festivals with the children, they very much enjoy hearing about our very own class and school community. If you and your family would like to share significant cultural events with the class, it would be great to hear from you. In addition, if you have any expertise or interests of your own linked to our topic, you would be very welcome to share this with us. For example, Monday 20th May is World Bee Day and we would like to mark the date by teaching about the importance of bees for our environment. If there are any apiarists or gardeners amongst you, do let us know.

Come and play with the children

Play is such an important component of the Early Years curriculum and child development and we would like to invite parents/carers into school to play with the children. If you have a free slot in your schedule, let us know, even if it is at short notice and we will check to see if we can facilitate a time for you to come into school and play with the children. Yes, 'just' play. This is a great opportunity for you to play board games, make playdough models, paint, make mud cakes, build a Lego empire or hoola hoop and a chance for the children to have you in as play role models. As we have so many females in Early Years education, male play role models will be just as (and particularly) welcome. We know you can do this at home but it would be very exciting to have you do this with us at school too.

Mystery Readers

The development of reading for pleasure is at the core of our school mission. We would therefore like to invite parents/carers into school to read a story of their choice to the class. We have done this for many years and the children very much enjoy the suspense of who the mystery reader will be. If you would like to read a story to the class, once again, just let us know. The reading slot usually takes place just before pick up time at around 2.50 pm.

P.E. Clothing

Our P.E. sessions are scheduled for Mondays although this can change if other school events take place. We will be working on dancing/running games/athletics and our P.E. sessions may take place outside during the summer term. It is therefore important that your children come to school dressed in active wear each day. Soft, practical clothing such as leggings or sports clothing is most appropriate. Dresses and skirts should be kept for out of school times. Footwear should be trainers or plimsolls and not boots or sandals. If it is raining and your child comes to school wearing wellies, a change of footwear should be sent into school in a separate named bag.

Change of Clothing

Please ensure your child has a change of clothing which we can store at school. This should include underwear, socks, trousers and top. If your child has been changed into their spare clothes for some reason, please remember to send in replacement.

Reading

Book bags should be sent into school each day and library books will be exchanged on Fridays.

Please, please continue to support your child with reading daily. The children are at a point where daily reading is vital to their development and confidence with reading. Do encourage your children to instantly recognise tricky words and also spot familiar digraphs and trigraphs and read them as such. This will help them with pace/fluency and therefore enjoyment. Also, do continue to use the reading logs for additional motivation.

Show and Tell

A timetable for the summer term is included in this letter.

Dates

Thursday 9th May (afternoon) Reception trip to Botanic Garden

Monday 10th June Open afternoon

Friday 14th June Eco Picnic

Wednesday 10th July Sports Day

Thursday 11th July Reserve Sports day in case of bad weather conditions on 10th July

Monday 15th July Charity afternoon

Friday 19th July last day of term

Forest school dates are yet to be confirmed with Mrs Bicknell and then we will inform you.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries about any of the points above. We thank you for your continued help and support.

Yours sincerely

Razia Mangera
(Class Teacher)

Sarah Blake
(Nursery Nurse)

Nicola Marroncelli
(Teacher)

Molly Carrington
(Learning Support Assistant)

Show And Tell Dates – Summer Term

On the date below, please help your child to bring in something from home that they would like to show and talk about with the rest of the class. For example, it could be a toy, souvenir, photograph or something related to our topic. Please send this in on the relevant Monday (or Tuesday if there is Bank holiday that week) and the session will take place at some point during that week.

Monday 22nd April Aurora Bryn Delilah	Monday 29th April Edith Elena Elia	Tuesday 7th May (Monday is a Bank holiday) Emma Flora Francesca
Monday 13th May Georgie Harrison Hector	Monday 20th May Hugo Jasper Joshua	Tuesday 4th June (Monday is a staff training day) Kenji Lara Leah

Monday 10th June Luca Madeleine Maia	Monday 17th June Matilda Max Penelope	Monday 24th June Poppy M Poppy T Rose
Monday 1st July Vega Anamika		