

# Newnham Croft Primary School

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## Curriculum Letter Year 6 - Ms Holliday

Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to the start of the spring term at Newnham Croft. The spring term is a busy term in Y6 as we start out SATs preparation and go on our residential trip to Hilltop Outdoor Centre (20<sup>th</sup> March – 23<sup>rd</sup> March).

This half-term we will have two topic focuses: in history we will be learning about the Kingdom of Benin and in science we will be looking at forces.

Mrs Turner will continue to teach the class every Friday morning. 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 be teaching music also on Thursdays, French lessons will be with Ms Noble and me on Wednesdays and Mrs D'Oly will teach art every other week on a Tuesday. In class, Year 6 will continue to be supported our brilliant TAs: Mrs Elbourne, Mrs Bannerjee, Mrs Burke, Ms D'Oly and Ms Noble. Mrs Wood will still come in to mark homework.

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 also have the Year 5 and 6 spelling words to practise and it is very useful if children read for at least fifteen minutes a day at home too.

Parent consultations will take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February between 3.15- 6.15pm, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February between 1.00 and 3.00pm and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February between 1.00 and 3.00pm. As usual, I will be on the playground on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings if you want to pass on a message or arrange a meeting. To develop their independence, whenever possible, please do encourage your child to come and talk to us themselves if they have any issues.

Yours sincerely,  
Ms Holliday