

# Newnham Croft Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your family have had a lovely summer break. Our topic for the first half term is Ancient Greece where we will explore a variety of aspects of Ancient Greek culture, including gods and goddesses, myths and legends and Athens and Sparta. If you are an expert in this field, please get in touch; it would be great to use some of the knowledge residing in the parent body to enrich the children's learning. Previously, we have had parents delivering workshops, assemblies and presentations, so please get in touch if this is something you would like to do.

After half term, we will move to a new geography topic: Would you like to live in the desert? Our learning objectives for all subjects can be found in our curriculum overviews if you would like more detail.

## **Days and times**

Children 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 speak to us briefly, teachers will be available on the playground from 8.35am on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please contact the office if you need a longer meeting with us. In Year 5, we aim for the children to be independent so, whenever possible, please encourage your child to come and talk to us themselves if they have any queries or worries.

The children will be taught by Mr Friday (PE) and Mrs Onatskaia (music) on Thursday afternoons. Mrs Turner will teach Year 5 on Friday afternoons. In the mornings, the children will be supported in class by Mrs Onatskaia.

The children will have two PE lessons a week – Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon. Your child is expected to wear appropriate active wear at all times, and to take part in every lesson: if he or she is unable to do this for any reason, please speak to us before school or write a short note to inform us of any issues. Children with long hair must also bring in something to tie it back with and no jewellery is allowed in school.

## **Dates for your diaries**

All classes will be having a short information meeting, for those wishing to attend, on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 9:00am. This will be to discuss the information in this letter and talk about the year ahead.

Parent consultations this term will be on the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> October.

Year 5 and 6 have a visit planned to The Fitzwilliam Museum, to fit in with our topic of Ancient Greece. This will be on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September. We will send out more details soon.

Our date for Forest School for the autumn term will be emailed out nearer the time. We ask that you provide a waterproof coat, trousers, wellies and warm clothes on these days, but please ensure that

your child is suitably dressed on other school days so that we can enjoy the outside space around the school, whatever the weather.

**Home learning**

Home learning should follow the themes and guidance outlined in the policy (see the school website). We will be sending home a weekly task (alternating between SPaG and maths), which will be given out on Monday and will need to be back in by Friday. This will start on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September. If your child not yet learned all their times tables by the end of Year 4, it is important that they continue to learn and practise these. It is highly recommended that you listen to your child read every day for about 15 minutes and then to discuss what they have read with them.

I am very much looking forward to the start of an exciting new school year.

Kind regards,

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