

# Newnham Croft Primary School

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## **Autumn term – Year 5**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to a new academic year at Newnham Croft. I hope you and your family have had a lovely summer break. Supporting me this year will be our LSAs (Learning Support Assistants): Mrs Onatskaia (every morning and one afternoon each week), Ms Noble and Mrs Burke.

Our topic for the first half term is *Ancient Greece*. We will explore a variety of aspects of Ancient Greek culture, including gods and goddesses, myths and legends, and Athens and Sparta. If you have expertise in this area, we would love to hear from you. In previous years, parents have delivered workshops, assemblies and presentations, which greatly enriched the children's learning. Please do get in touch if this is something you would like to contribute to.

After half term, we will begin a new geography topic: *Would you like to live in the desert?* Our learning objectives for all subjects can be found in the curriculum overviews, available on the school website.

### **Days and Times**

Children need to be in the playground, **ready to come into class at 8.45am**, and the school day finishes at 3.15pm. Teachers are available briefly in the playground **from 8.35am** on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. If you require a longer meeting, please contact the office to arrange this.

In Year 5, we encourage children to become increasingly independent. Wherever possible, please support your child in approaching us themselves if they have any queries or concerns.

### **Reading Club**

A reminder that we offer a Reading Club in the mornings, from 8am, should you need to drop your child off early. No need to book, just bring your child to the school office. The cost is £4.00 per session and is payable on the SchoolGateway app.

### **Staffing during PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment)**

The children will be taught by Mrs Roberts (PE) and Mrs Onatskaia (Music) on Wednesday afternoons.

PE lessons will take place twice a week: Wednesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. Your child is expected to wear appropriate activewear at all times and to take part in every lesson. If they are unable to participate for any reason, please speak to us before school or email the office. Children with long hair must bring something to tie it back, and jewellery is not permitted in school.

### **Dates for Your Diary**

- Meet the teacher: Friday 5 September at 9:00am – an opportunity to discuss this letter and the year ahead.
- Whole school flu vaccination – Tuesday 16 September – more information coming from office soon
- Harvest festival assembly – Friday 10 October - approximately 9am
- Open Afternoon: Monday 13 October, 3.15pm–4.00pm – a chance to see your child's work from the first half term.
- Individual photographs – Thursday 16 October
- Parent Consultations: Week beginning 20 October – details on booking will follow closer to the time.

Please keep an eye on the [school calendar](#) which updated regularly and read our weekly newsletter, which is sent on Friday afternoons.

### **Trips**

Years 5 and 6 will visit the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge on **Friday 12 September**, and the Museum of Classical Archaeology (also in Cambridge) for a workshop on the Greeks on **Wednesday 1 October**. Both visits link closely with our topic of Ancient Greece. Further details will be shared soon.

### **Home Learning**

Home learning will follow the themes and guidance outlined in the school policy (see the school website). A weekly task (alternating between SPaG and maths) will be set on a Friday and must be returned by the following Friday, beginning on Friday 12 September.

If your child has not yet learned all their times tables by the end of Year 4, it is important that they continue to practise these regularly. We also strongly recommend that you listen to your child read every day for around 15 minutes and discuss the text with them.

### **Medications**

If your child requires medication to be kept at school (e.g. an inhaler) please ensure these are brought to school in the original packaging, with the pharmacy label showing your child's name. If your child requires medication such as antibiotics or painkillers, please bring to the school office and fill in a form to allow us to administer this medication.

### **Contact details**

If any of your contact or address details have changed over the summer, please ensure you update the office.

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

Kind regards,  
Mrs Markham  
Class Teacher