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Summer term at Newnham Croft – Year 6

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to the start of the summer term at Newnham Croft. We are all very excited about all the events and activities planned for Y6's last term at Newnham. I really hope all the children have a fantastic term and enjoy their learning and time together.

As usual, if you need to pass on a message, you can catch me in the morning or send an email or make an appointment 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 half term starts with a geography unit about oceans and rivers with a new history unit about significant people after half term.

P.E. will continue to be with Mrs Roberts on Thursdays and we will then be having our additional P.E. lesson on Tuesdays or Wednesdays; with the (hopefully) warmer and drier weather this term we can be more flexible as we'll be outdoors. This term we will focus on rounders, tennis, athletics and cricket. Please ensure active wear and appropriate shoes are worn daily.

Our PSHE begins with looking at Relationship and Sex Education. Please see the additional letter outlining the coverage in Year 6 that Mrs Turner (our PSHE coordinator) will send to all families in the school shortly.

In class, Year 6 will be supported by our learning support assistants: Ms D'Oyly will join us for two mornings a week and Ms Noble will continue to support children 1:1 with their maths in the afternoons. The children will also continue to have a range of specialist teachers: Mrs Roberts for PE on Thursdays, Mrs Onatskaia for music also on Thursdays, French lessons will be with Ms Noble and myself on Wednesday and Mrs D'Oyly will teach art on alternate Tuesday.

Year 6 children completed a range of assessments before the holiday and will be bringing home their test papers. We were all really pleased with the results and the progress children had made. This term, we will be continuing to run booster and extension groups to support the children with their English and maths before the tests next month.

Below is a copy of the test timetable:

Day/Time	Monday 12th May	Tuesday 13th May	Wednesday 14th May	Thursday 15th May
Morning	English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Test 1 – 45 mins English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Test 2: Spelling– 25 mins approximately	English Reading Test - 1 hour	Maths Reasoning Test A – 40 mins Maths Arithmetic Test – 30 mins	Maths Reasoning Test B – 40 mins

The school will not be authorising any absences during this period.

As you know, during the test week, Ms Noble will be cooking breakfast for the children (this is always extremely popular and a great way to start the day together). Children can arrive from 8am and breakfast will be served at approximately 8.10am. As always, if you want to do extra work at home, we recommend the CGP books and past SATs papers (except 2024 please).

Home learning should follow the guidance outlined in the policy (see the school website). We will be 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 optional extension maths problems available. Year 6 should be spending 30 minutes on each subject a week. Children should also have the Year 5 and 6 spelling words to practise and it is also very useful if children read for at least fifteen minutes a day while at home.

Year 6 have been lucky to benefit hugely from parent talks and demonstrations in the past. If any of the areas of study this term are your areas of expertise, please get in touch.

We will be holding a celebration of the international make up of our school community during our International Afternoon on Thursday 22nd May. This used to be a much enjoyed event in our school calendar which is making a welcome come back. This year, we will be looking at India and each class will find out about an aspect of that country. All parents are invited to join us from 2.45 pm until 3.30pm on Thursday 22nd May to enjoy the children's learning. If you have photos, clothes or artefacts from India that you would like to display at the event, please let us know. More details will be shared closer to the time.

Lastly, a massive thank you to those parents, who have offered to organise Y6's end of term celebrations and souvenirs. This term is always busy and I am so pleased people are getting started with all the organisation.

Please do get in touch if you have any questions or concerns,

Yours sincerely,
Ms Holliday

Diary Dates:

SATs Week - 12th - 14th May

International Afternoon - Thursday 22nd May

Forest School – Fridays 13th June, Friday 20th June, Friday 27th June
Open Afternoon to look at your child's books together - Monday 9th June
Sports Day - Tuesday 15th July
Y6 Leavers' Assembly - Friday 19th July at 9am