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Spring term – Year 2

Dear Parents / Carers

Happy New Year and welcome back to the spring term at Newnham Croft Primary School. On behalf of the Year 2 team we hope that you've all had a very restful winter break, and we want to say a big thank you for our Christmas gifts and kind messages.

As a reminder

Just to remind everyone, the bell for the start of the day will be rung at 8.45am and the children will be asked to line up in the playground, where they will be taken into the class by their class teacher.

One bell will ring to signal that it's time for the children to line up and for parents to start leaving. Then another bell will ring to signal the start of school. All children will continue to line up just outside the Year 4 classroom as they had done last term, where their teacher will greet them. The end of the school day will remain at 3.15pm.

We would be grateful if you could ensure that your child arrives promptly for the start of the school day as this avoids disruptions and if they could also be collected on time. If your child is late at the beginning of the school day, please sign them in at the office.

Spring topics

Year 2 will begin the spring term with the geography topic *What a Wonderful World*. Pupils will learn to locate the world's continents, oceans, and UK capital cities using maps, globes, and atlases, and will use compass points and locational language to describe places and routes. They will identify and describe human and physical features locally and nationally, recognise key map features such as titles, symbols, and keys, and take part in simple fieldwork, including drawing basic maps to scale and collecting, presenting, and interpreting simple geographical data. In English, pupils will focus on narrative writing, specifically creating journey stories, developing their ability to structure a story, describe settings, and sequence events clearly, as well as writing to inform through letters.

Year 2 shall end the spring term by focusing on the topic, *Significant Explorers*. This history topic is designed to teach the children about why some people are considered to be significant and how these individuals have contributed to national and international

achievements. In DT, we will be designing and making fabric pouches for an explorer using stitching and gluing.

Items required for school

Children will need to bring a waterproof coat, a packed lunch if they are not having school dinners, and a labelled water bottle to keep themselves hydrated during the school day. There will be no need for pencil cases or any other items from home as these will be provided at school.

Active wear and PE (Physical Education)

All children will be expected to come to school wearing activewear. This includes: trainers, leggings/ comfortable trousers, t-shirt/long sleeved t-shirt (suitable clothing which allows the children to exercise and run around) and appropriate for any PE lesson. Please, do not send your child in with tights as children are often asked to be bare foot in the hall. Boots and sandals are not active wear; instead trainers should be worn. It is essential that, if your child is not wearing the correct clothing for PE, they have appropriate clothing with them on the days that we have PE. Hair will need to be tied up and no jewellery should be worn at school at any time (not just in sessions of PE).

Tuesday afternoons

Tuesday afternoons, class teachers will be out of class planning and preparing lessons. On these afternoons Mrs Roberts will be teaching PE and Mrs Onatskaia will be teaching Music.

Reading

We shall continue talking to the children about the importance of reading at home on a daily basis. It is really important that your child reads to you for at least ten minutes a day as well as discussing the book and being read to; and enjoying stories for pleasure. We shall continue to exchange library books every Friday. Little Wandle books will be continue to be changed on a Wednesday.

Open afternoon

In preparation for Parent Consultations, parents will have the opportunity to come into the Year 2 classroom and look through their work books to see what they have been learning about. This will take place on Monday 2 March, from 3.15-4pm

Parent consultations

Parent consultations will take place on 9th February from 3:30–6:00pm and 10th February from 1:30–5:00pm. Further information on how to book a consultation with your child's class teacher will be shared closer to the time.

Snacks and water bottles

Snacks are provided for playtime (fruit or vegetable). Please continue to send a labelled bottle of water each day.

Forest School

Forest School sessions will take place during the spring term on 30th January, 6th February, 13th February, and 27th February.

Please ensure that your child has warm and waterproof clothing with them on the day as failure to do this causes disruption and delay in getting started.

Communication

If you wish to talk to me regarding any aspect of your child's schooling, please feel free to briefly chat to me at the start of the school day or email the school office and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your children make such a positive start to 2026. We look forward to a happy and successful term ahead!

Best wishes,
Miss Harvey