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Summer term at Newnham Croft – Reception

Welcome back to a new term in Reception. We hope that you had an enjoyable spring break.

Here are a few details about the term which you may find helpful:

Topic

The topic for this term is The Wonderful Outside. We will be exploring plant and animal life in our school grounds and the local neighbourhood. As part of our literacy learning, we will be using the books *Aaaarrgghh, Spider!* by Lydia Monks and *Yucky Worms* by Vivian French. As always, we kindly ask that you do not read these books with your children beforehand, so that we can enjoy discovering them together as a class.

When we discuss religious, non-religious or cultural celebrations and festivals with the children, they very much enjoy hearing about our own class and school community. If you and your family would like to share significant cultural events with the class, we would love to hear from you.

Spare Clothes

Before the holidays, we sent home all children's spare clothes bags so you could check that your child's items still fit. Each bag should contain at least one change of underwear, socks, a top and bottoms (trousers/leggings etc.). Please return the bags to school in a named bag, which will be stored in the cloakroom. If your child has been changed into their spare clothes for any reason, please remember to send in replacements.

Active Wear

Active wear must be worn every day. This includes trousers such as leggings and tracksuit bottoms, long or short T-shirts, and—most importantly—trainers. Dresses, skirts, corduroy trousers, and jeans should not be worn. Wellies and/or walking boots are to be worn only outside (e.g. at playtime if it is raining or during Forest School). Plimsolls and sandals are not suitable and can be unsafe during active play. Long hair must be tied up, and fingernails should be free from nail varnish.

Physical Education (P.E.)

P.E. sessions will continue to take place on Mondays. Please ensure that children come to school dressed for physical activity. Only trainers should be worn. Pupils should wear flexible clothing that won't catch on P.E. equipment.

Our sessions this term may include dance, running games and athletics, and may take place outside. It is therefore important that children are dressed appropriately each day. Soft, practical clothing such as leggings or sportswear is best. Dresses and skirts should not be worn. Trainers, not boots or sandals,

should be worn. If it is raining and your child wears wellies to school, please send in a change of footwear in a named bag.

Outdoor Classroom / Forest School

Please ensure that your child has suitable outdoor clothing at school. A warm, waterproof jacket is essential, as are wellies or outdoor walking shoes. Warm socks make the activity far more enjoyable, so please include these too! Forest School sessions will take place on Friday mornings. The dates for these are as follows:

Friday 13th June

Friday 20th June

Friday 27th June

Jewellery

Children should not wear any jewellery to school, including earrings. However, they may wear watches. Please note that watches must be removed for P.E. sessions.

Key Words and Reading

Home reading books will continue to be sent home each Wednesday, and library books will be exchanged on Fridays. Book bags should be brought to school every day.

Please, please continue to support your child with daily reading. The children are at a stage where this is vital to their development and confidence. Encourage your child to recognise tricky words instantly, and to spot familiar digraphs and trigraphs—reading them as such. This will help with pace, fluency and, most importantly, enjoyment.

The key words/home folder has been sent home, and new words will be added as they are introduced in school. Please help your child to practise these daily so they become fluent in recognising them at a glance. We're delighted with the progress the children are making—thank you for your support.

We would like to again emphasise the importance of daily reading. New books will be given out each week but only once the previous ones have been returned. These will also be added to your child's Collins Hub account and will reflect the phonics covered in class. Re-reading the same book several times helps to build fluency, confidence and enjoyment.

Library books will continue to be sent home this term. These are chosen independently by the children and may be too difficult for them to read alone. They are for sharing with you, and to promote a love of reading. New library books will only be given out once the previous one is returned, so please ensure these are placed in book bags on a Friday.

International Afternoon

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.

Open Afternoon

Open Afternoon will take place on Monday 9th June from 3.15pm until 4pm. This is an opportunity for you to observe all the work that your child has been doing over the course of this year, such as writing in their Literacy books, work from their Learning Journeys which encompasses even more literacy, Design Technology, Science, Geography, Computing and Maths. There will also be the opportunity to explore your child's art work from their sketch books.

Sport's Day

This year's Sport's Day will be on Tuesday 15th July with Reception taking part in the afternoon.

Junk Modelling

The children are fantastic designers when it comes to junk modelling and need a constant supply of materials. If you have any empty containers (e.g. cereal boxes, egg cartons), please send them in for us to use. Please ensure everything is clean and safe—no empty medicine packs, please. It's helpful if you can bring in a few items at a time, as we don't have much space to store large quantities.

Nut Allergy

Thank you all for your continued support in keeping our school a nut-free zone.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about anything mentioned above. Thank you, as always, for your support.

Kindest Regards,

Katrina Markham – Class Teacher

Sarah Blake - Nursery Nurse

Nicola Marroncelli - Class Teacher on a Tuesday afternoon during PPA

Mirka Maio – Learning Support Assistant

Nadine Cummins - Learning Support Assistant