

Newnham Croft Primary School

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Year 1/2N Mrs Cullen and Mrs Palmer ~ (Class Teachers)

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you and your family are well and enjoyed the Winter break. We are looking forward to welcoming your child back to school and finding out what they have been doing over the holidays. Mr Matthews has outlined what measures we have put in place regarding Covid-19, but we wanted to take the opportunity to remind you and make you aware of some of the other routines and expectations for the Spring Term. The topic for the term is 'Fire, Fire', which is largely based around the Great Fire of London of 1666. If you have any books or resources that you think might be useful for your child's learning it would lovely to have them in class for the duration of the topic.

As with last term, there may be times when children are isolating, due to Covid. In this instance, we will aim to have a short morning Zoom session to introduce the day's learning (activities for which will be posted on the Google Classroom site and the time for the Zoom will be communicated when required). Please ensure your child can access the Google Classroom website – we can reset passwords if needed.

Start and end of the school day

The children will arrive in the school playground between 8.40am and 8.50am. The bell for the start of the day will be rung at 8.50am and the children will be asked to line up and be taken into the class by their class teacher. The children will be brought out to the front playground at the end of the school day at 3.10pm. We would be grateful if you could ensure that your child arrives promptly for the start of the school day as this avoids disruptions. If your child is late, please sign them in at the office.

School dinners / Packed Lunch

Don't forget that school dinners are free for all children in Key Stage 1. Children will be able to select healthy meals from the school menu. School lunches and packed lunches (supplied from home) will be eaten in the hall. A copy of the school dinner menu is emailed out with the Newsletter every Friday and there is a copy in the kitchen window.

Snacks and Water Bottles

Healthy snacks will be available to eat during the children's break times. We would be grateful if you could continue to send your child's labelled water bottle to school each day. Drinking water regularly during the day obviously helps to keep them fully hydrated.

PE times and Active Wear

Our PE slots for this term are Tuesday and Thursday. Please can you ensure that your child has suitable clothing and footwear (in line with the school's Active Wear policy) not just on these days

but for the whole of the week as PE times may change due to unforeseen circumstances. Active wear means: clothes and footwear comfortable and appropriate for physical activity,

PPA Cover

Mrs Marroncelli (R.E), Mrs Onatskaia (Music) and Cambridge United (P.E) will teach the class on Tuesday afternoons to provide release time in order for us to be able to carry out planning, preparation and assessment activities.

Forest Schools and Outdoor Classroom

The children will be using the areas outside the classroom to extend their learning as well as Forest School sessions that will take place termly. Our date for Forest Schools for the Spring Term is Friday 11 March. Please make sure that your child has a waterproof coat, trousers and wellies for Forest School and that your child is suitably dressed on other school days so that we can enjoy the outside space around the school, even when the weather isn't so good.

Reading

We hope you have enjoyed listening to your child read over the Winter break. We enjoy talking to them in class about what they have liked about the books they have chosen and who their favourite characters are. Every Friday, your child will have the opportunity to select a few reading books they wish to take home for the week in addition to the e-books they can access on the Big Cat Collins website. Please can you ensure that you complete the reading log book for each session and return this along with the books they have taken out every Friday. You can of course read *any book or story* with your child and record it in their reading log books. We will be reminding the children about the importance of reading at home on a daily basis. It would be really beneficial for your child if he/she could read or be read to for about ten minutes every day.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take place on week commencing 7th February. A sign up form with exact times and dates will be emailed to you closer the time.

Communication

If you wish to talk to us regarding any aspect of your child's schooling please feel free to briefly chat to us at the start or end of the school day or email the school office and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible. Mrs Cullen will be teaching the class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Mrs Palmer on Thursdays and Fridays.

We look forward to continue to work in partnership with you for the benefit of your child.

Kind regards,

Mrs Cullen and Mrs Palmer
(Class Teachers)