



NEWBOTTLE & CHARLTON CEVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Every person matters, every moment counts "I can do all this through him who gives me strength"

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and welcome you back. My name is Hannah Smith and I am the new Year 5/6 teacher and SENDCo. I hope your child has had a positive start to the new school year and is looking forward to lots of new learning, experiences and opportunities. This letter will provide you with some key information and an overview of the term ahead.

Staff

This year, Birch class will be supported by myself, Mrs Seamark, Mrs Hogan and Mrs O'Neill. Mr Smith will also teach the class two afternoons a week.

Routines

Mr Smith has informed you of all the new routines and procedures in place and will continue to keep you updated throughout the term. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding with this.

Birch class will have PE on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons this half term- children have been asked to wear their PE kits to school on these days. Please ensure your child has appropriate footwear and clothes (plain in colour) as we will be outside.

Curriculum and Learning

This term we will be focussing on a 'Recovery Curriculum' to ensure children are ready to learn- both academically and emotionally. We have started our first whole school topic based on the book 'The Lost Words'. We will be using a range of creative approaches to explore this book over the next couple of weeks, including art, poetry and outdoor learning. In maths this term, we will be focussing on the basics and plugging some gaps from last year: number and place value; four operations; fractions, decimals and percentages; money; and shapes and coordinates.

Our first class topic will be 'World Kitchen' which will provide lots of valuable cross-curricular learning opportunities. Children will discover the origins of food around the world, the history of trade and learn about the importance of the human body and healthy lifestyles.

Homework

You should have received an updated homework guide outlining expectations and general information. Homework will be set each Monday and will be due in the following Monday, handed back the same day. Please let me know if you require any additional resources or guidance.

Please remember to keep up-to-date with our class page on the website and don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries. I look forward to getting to know you over the next few months and hope it will be a positive and productive term.

Kind regards,
Hannah Smith
Birch Class Teacher & SENDCo