



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,

I hope you are all well and that you all had a wonderful Christmas break and start to the New Year. Thank you so much for all my lovely gifts it was so thoughtful of you, and I felt so lucky to receive so many gifts.

In Ash this term we are lucky to have Mrs Marsella- Brookes all day Wednesday, Monday and Thursday mornings and on a Tuesday afternoon. We also have Mrs Hodgson on Monday afternoons, and Tuesday and Friday mornings.

Curriculum and Learning

Due to the success of the Autumn term Oak and Ash class will continue to be taught mainly in year groups, rather than separate classes. This will continue to enable all children to have access to formal and child led learning and they will be taught in their year groups for Maths, English, Phonics/Spelling, PE, RE, Computing, Music and PSHE.

As you know we have started off this term with our Whole School Topic, 'School through the Ages', I am sure you will have been told all about the Victorian focus that we have started with, we will move on next week to another period of time, continuing our focus on the changes in school life. For the rest of this term and next term our topic will be Toys where we will investigate Toys through the ages and different cultures. We also hope to be able to visit a local Toy Museum!

- **History** – In History the children will be focusing on changes within living memory. This will include researching their grandparent's toys and organising artefacts by age. Within this we will use a picture book called 'The Toy Museum' and maybe even create one of our own!
- **Geography** – In Geography we will continue to develop our map skills whilst learning about toys from different countries and cultures. We will also use toys to compare the UK to a contrasting non-European country.
- **Maths** – In Maths we will start with Number and Place Value then move on to Addition and Subtraction, fractions, Measure and Shape. Throughout there will be a constant focus on the children's basic number fluency as well as problem solving and reasoning skills.
- **English** – In English we are learning to write an information text based on the Victorians and the children will then have a go at writing their own information text based on toys we will then move on to another story, further developing our story writing skills from the autumn term and this will be based on the story of Pinocchio. We will also write up instructions on how to make our own toy!
- **Science** - In Science this term will be investigating the questions 'Are all toys made of plastic?' and 'What parts make our bodies work?' Through these questions we will continue to develop our Scientific enquiry skills.



- **Computing** - In computing we will start with Robotics where children will learn simple coding techniques by using code -a -pillars, beebots and vex robots. We will also focus on internet safety when using technology in both are Choosing and Challenge time and throughout the curriculum.
- **RE** - This term we will be focusing on the question 'What makes places sacred to believers?' We will learn about the sacred places of worship for different religions. Then we will move on to the Understanding Christianity topic 'Salvation' and focus on the question 'Why does Easter matter to Christians?'
- **Music**-This term we will be using Charanga to explore tempo and dynamics as well as inventing a musical story. The children will continue to learn and familiarise themselves with traditional hymns and school songs.
- **PE** – PE days this term will be on Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning. Wednesday will be Real PE with Miss England, our PE specialist, and Friday will be Real Dance where the children will explore artistry, circles, partnering and shapes. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school for these days.

Homework

This will be set on Seesaw on Monday 17th January; children can choose from a range of different activities and these should be uploaded via Seesaw weekly or by the end of the term. We ask that children complete a minimum of 4 this term and 6 next term (equivalent to one a week). They will also need to complete Spelling Shed and Sumdog tasks each week. Reading regularly is essential too for progress, books will be changed on Monday's and Thursday's, please keep an up to date reading record for your child.

Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning. I am excited to see what the children will produce in our fun topics and activities this term. Please do contact me anytime should you have any queries or concerns.

Kind regards,
Miss Melanie Hirst

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