



Cezanne Class - Term 1 and 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Term 1 and Newington School, I hope you have had a happy and enjoyable summer holiday. The timings for the next three weeks are as follows, weeks commencing the 11th and 18th September, all children to attend the morning session 8:50am until 12:00 (the main school gate opens at 8.30am). Week commencing the 25th September, all children to attend the morning session and stay for lunch 8:50-1:15. During these first three weeks the side gate will be used to dismiss your children. Working alongside me in the classroom is Miss Bourne, a Higher Level Teaching Assistant. Mrs Holton will also be working in the class on a Wednesday and Friday morning.



Our focus for the first few weeks will be settling in, where our aim is to help your children feel safe, secure and happy in their new environment. If you have any concerns please feel free to talk to us and we will do everything possible to make your child's transition to school as smooth as possible. Our topic for the remainder of Term 1 is 'Ourselves', talking about family, home, our bodies and healthy eating. This topic has a familiar feel for the children and promotes the personal, social and emotional development of our pupils. In Term 2 our topic is 'Colours' so lots of art work, colour mixing and shading, learning about rainbows and colours in the natural world.



In Literacy, we will be building on the children's existing phonetic knowledge using Letters and Sounds, linking sounds to objects and people, chosen by the children to personalise their learning. To support your child's learning in this area, I will be sending home reading books every week. Initially these will just have pictures to encourage children to 'tell' the story to you, practicing speaking in sentences will promote your child's communication and language skills and assist them when they start to write sentences. I will also be sending home a set of five 'words of the week'; we will be teaching these each day in class and would like them to be practiced at home too. These will be sent home when the children are in school full-time.



In Maths, we will be focusing on accurate counting of groups of objects initially to 10 and then on to 20 and recognising and ordering numerals. We will also be looking for shapes and patterns in the environment. Please help your child by pointing out numbers on number plates, signs, door numbers and price labels.



Our favourite session of the week is Forest School, which will start when the children are full-time. The school has all-in-one waterproof suits for each child but please could you supply named wellington boots which can be kept at school.

From September 2017 Religious Education (RE) will be following the Kent Agreed Syllabus (KAS) which incorporates the new resource 'Understanding Christianity'. Each unit has a key question which is developed over a school term. Key questions are also being developed for other faiths that are part of the KAS. In Terms 1 and 2 our key questions to explore are:

Why is the word 'God' so important to Christians?

Why do Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas?

Every day the children will have a snack of fruit with milk or water, so please do not send in snacks from home. Please ensure that all clothing worn or sent to school is named, including hats, scarves and gloves. Also to help your children become independent within the classroom, please teach your child to put on and do up their own coats, this will enable us to get out promptly at the end of the day. Please could you send in a pair of named wellington boots to be kept at

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me, looking forward to getting to know you all.

Kind regards

Catherine Morgan-Brown