



## Newbold Verdon Primary School

### Autumn Term 2023 Curriculum Newsletter: Mr Wright's Year 3 Class

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been great to see the children again after the summer holidays. We have a fun-packed term ahead and I am looking forward to sharing lots of exciting times with the class. As we begin the new academic year, here are a few reminders of how you can support your child during their time in year 3 at Newbold Verdon Primary School:

In the mornings, the school is open at 8:40am and the doors shut at 8:50am. Lessons start promptly at 8:50 so please ensure your child is in school before then.

Please make sure that your child has the correct indoor and outdoor PE kit in school on the appropriate days. Kit should comprise of a white t-shirt, black shorts, jogging bottoms, sweatshirt, black pumps and trainers. Earrings should be removed for PE or at home before school. If their ears have been recently pierced, your child should bring micropore tape to cover them for the initial 6 weeks. All PE kit should be labelled (so we can return it to the correct person should anything become lost), in separate bags and they go in your child's locker.

School uniform should be worn at all other times. This includes black or grey trousers/skirt/shorts and a white or blue polo shirt. In addition a royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan should be worn and shoes should be black (no multi-coloured trainers). No jewellery other than watches and ear studs should be worn.

We ask children to take their water bottles home every night and bring them the next morning. This will stop children needing to fill them up during school time and will ensure bottles are regularly cleaned.

Support with your child's homework is greatly appreciated. Homework will be set every week (starting in a few weeks) and this will consist of one piece of English and one piece of maths. This will come home in a folder that we will provide. The homework should be completed and handed in the following week to receive an extra Dragon Point. Children should not spend more than 30 minutes on each of these, unless of course they wish to do more.

Reading diaries will be checked every Friday so please can you make sure that you sign for every date that they read. It is expected that children will read 5 times per week - even if it is only for 5 minutes.

Children on the Read, Write, Inc. phonics program will be given a specific phonics book to bring home as well as a sharing book. Children not on the phonics program will have a book linked to their book band/reading age.

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## Curriculum

There is a knowledge organiser for science and the History/Geography topics attached. There will be a short quiz at the end of the topics which will be based on these organisers. Please encourage your child to try to learn as many of these key facts as possible at home.

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| <b>English:</b><br>The Stone Age boy - NarrativeAction scene<br>Instructions: How to wash a woolly mammoth                                 | <b>Maths:</b><br>Place value<br>Written and mental calculation methods<br>Shape                               | <b>Geography:</b><br>Climate zones                                |
| <b>History:</b><br>The Stone Age   | <b>PSHE:</b><br>Me and my relationships<br>Valuing difference   | <b>Computing:</b><br>Connecting computers<br>Stop Frame animation |
| <b>Science:</b><br>Rocks   | <b>RE:</b><br>What do Christians learn from the Creation story?<br>What is it like for someone to follow God? | <b>Music:</b><br>Pulse<br>Rhythm                                  |
| <b>PE:</b> is timetabled for <b>Monday</b> and <b>Wednesday</b> this term and we will be covering tag rugby, gymnastics, dance and hockey. | <b>Art:</b><br>Drawing: Growing artists<br>DT:<br>Food: eating seasonally                                     | <b>French:</b><br>Getting to know you                             |

Year 3 will have both Forest School and Art/DT on a Tuesday on the dates below.

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|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Tuesday: 5th September | Tuesday: 19th September | Tuesday: 3rd October  | Tuesday: 24th October  |
| Tuesday: 7th November  | Tuesday: 21st November  | Tuesday: 5th December | Tuesday: 19th December |

Please ensure your child has some old forest school clothing in school: long trousers, a long sleeved top, wellies and a coat (the school has some waterproof clothing too).

I am happy to discuss any issues or concerns regarding this year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Wright  
Year 3 Class Teacher

(Mrs Page & Mrs Wilson will be the adults supporting the children in class)

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