



# Newbold Verdon Primary School

Autumn term 2023: Year 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school, we hope you had a lovely summer. We are really looking forward to getting to know and teach your children this year. We have an exciting year ahead planned with activities to support your child's learning and progress.

**Enrichment activities**- Each term as part of the curriculum, your child will participate in Forest School with Mrs North and Art/DT lessons with Ms Hicks. Your child will be taking part in both sessions of this day. Therefore, your child will always need to bring in their Forest School clothing for that day (old clothing suitable for outdoor learning, wellington boots, waterproofs). Please ensure Forest School clothing is clearly named.

**Our sessions are on a Tuesday on the following dates:**

September - 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>

October - 10<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>

November - 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>

December - 12<sup>th</sup>

Here are a few reminders of how you can support your child during Year 4:

**Starting time**- our school doors open at 8:40am and lessons start promptly at 8:50am. This means that your child can benefit from 10 minutes of additional reading each day. Please make sure that your child arrives on time to make the most of their learning experience.

**PE Kit** - Please make sure that your child has a named PE kit in school every day during the school year. There may be times when the timetable needs to alter slightly or other opportunities arise for exercise. PE kit consists of a white t-shirt and black/navy shorts during warmer months with joggers and a sweatshirt/hoodie - providing additional layers - for more inclement weather.

4W = PE on Monday and Wednesday

4JS = PE on Monday and Friday

**School uniforms** should be worn at all times. This includes black or grey trousers/skirt/shorts and a white or blue polo shirt. In addition, a royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan can be worn and shoes should be black. These should be named. No jewellery other than watches and ear studs should be worn.

**Water bottles** - All children should bring a named water bottle every day. We ask children to take their water bottles home every night and bring them the next morning. This will ensure they are regularly cleaned. Please note that water bottles were leaking in school bags last year so, if possible, could you either send water bottles in empty so children can fill them up at school or send them in a separate carrier bag. Thank you

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**Homework** will be sent home and collected every Friday. Your support with this homework is greatly appreciated. The homework will consist of one grammar sheet and one maths sheet. There may also be times when times tables homework is set as the children will be taking the Government MTC (Multiplication Tables Check) in the Summer term. Helping your child to memorise all times tables ( $\times 2$  through to  $\times 12$ ) is a really helpful and useful for their continued development in maths and this will help give them a real boost going forward into Year 5 and 6. **Number Rocks** is a great channel on YouTube where children can join in with up-to-date songs and dances to help with tables.

**Reading diaries** will be checked every Friday to ensure that children who read at least 5 times a week to get their rewards. This can be done independently, **if your child writes in their diary every time they read, now they are getting older, you can just sign their diary after checking it.** I know that children often read independently as they get older and it would be a shame for them to miss out on their extra Dragon points.

### English:

The Explorer - Katherine Rundell  
My Name is River - Emma Rea  
Anglo-Saxon Boy - Tony Bradman  
Beowulf - Michael Morpurgo  
Journalistic writing  
Adventure narrative  
Grammar, punctuation and spelling throughout

### Maths:

Numicon School Scheme  
Calculating (adding and subtracting, multiplying and dividing) with a **focus on all times tables (to  $12 \times 12$ ) for the Multiplication Tables Check next June**  
Numbers and the Number System (place value, estimating and rounding)  
Pattern and Algebra (sequences and number patterns)  
Geometry (triangles and quadrilaterals)

### Science:

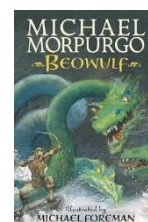
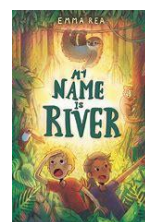
Living things and habitats  
Nature and the Environment

### Geography:

Rainforests

### History:

Anglo-Saxons, Picts and Scots



### PSHE:

Me and my relationships  
Valuing differences

### Music:

We will be learning to play violins across the whole year with Leicestershire Music Service.

### Computing:

The Internet  
Audio editing

### Physical Education:

Net and ball games  
Yoga

### Religious Education:

What is the Trinity and why is it important for Christians?  
What do Hindus believe God is like?

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact us either on Seesaw or through the school office. We look forward to meeting you all soon.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Wood (4W Class Teacher) and Mr Smith (4JS Class Teacher)