



## Newbold Verdon Primary School

### Spring Term 2024 Curriculum Newsletter: Mr Wright's Year 3 Class

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and restful break over the holidays. We have a fun-packed term ahead and I am looking forward to sharing lots of exciting learning with the class. Here are a few reminders of how you can support your child during this term:

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. 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. The children should read their books for the whole week or longer. They will be encouraged to change their books on a Friday and not change them everyday.

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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.

<b>English:</b> - Setting description: UK countryside and city scenes - Information text: about a chosen area of the UK	<b>Maths:</b> Calculating Numbers and the number system Reading scales	<b>Geography:</b> Living in the UK
<b>History:</b> Ancient Civilisations (Egypt)	<b>PSHE:</b> - Keeping Safe - Rights and respect	<b>Computing:</b> - Programming & Sequencing Sounds - Data and information
<b>Science:</b> Animals including humans  Plants	<b>RE:</b> - How do festivals and worship show what matters to a Muslim? - How do festivals and family life show what matters to Jewish people?	<b>Music:</b> Pitch Music Technology
<b>PE:</b> is timetabled for <b>Monday</b> and <b>Wednesday</b> this term and we will be covering Football, Dance & Movement, Tennis and Outdoor Adventurous Activities	<b>Art:</b> Craft and Design: Ancient Egyptian Scrolls <b>DT:</b> Digital world: electronic charm	<b>French:</b> Getting to know you

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

Tuesday: 16th January	Tuesday: 30th January	Tuesday: 13th February
Tuesday: 5th March	Tuesday: 19th March	Easter Holiday

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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