



# Newbold Verdon Primary School

Spring term: Year 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school, we hope you had a lovely Christmas break. We are really looking forward to teaching your children this year. We have an exciting rest of the 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:**

January - 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>

February - 6<sup>h</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>

March - 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

**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 (x2 through to x12) 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 and break.

**English:**

Song of the River - Gill Lewis

A River - Marc Martin

Setting description

Explanation text

Poetry

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 x 12) for the Multiplication Tables

Check next June

Negative numbers

**Science:**

Food and digestion

States of matter

**Geography:**

Rivers

**History:**

Roman Britain

**Art**

Painting and Mixed media: light and dark

**PSHE:**

Keeping safe

Rights and respect

**Music:**

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

**Computing:**

Repetition in shape

**Physical Education:**

Netball

Gymnastics

Dance

**Religious Education:**

What does it mean to be Hindu?

Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?

Please feel free to contact me through the school office with any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

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