



Newbold Verdon Primary School

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Y5 Curriculum Newsletter – Spring Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had an enjoyable holiday period and spent time together with family and friends. We are excited to get back into our learning in Year 5, and are so proud of the progress that the children have already made. Here are a few reminders as mentioned at the beginning of the school year:

PE Kit - Please make sure that your child has a 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. This half term our P.E sessions are on a **Thursday (Outdoor)** and **Friday (Indoor)**. 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. Please ensure that children with long hair have a bobble with them to tie their hair up and tape to cover earrings.

Enrichment activities- Each term as part of the curriculum, your child will participate in Forest School with Mrs North or Art/DT activities with Ms Hicks. You will receive information about the equipment your child will need if they are attending the Forest School session. Children will rotate between these sessions each half term. This is an amazing opportunity for our children to be curious and have courage to try new things. **Our sessions are still on alternate Mondays on the dates below:**

Seesaw – the children regularly share their work and experiences on Seesaw. Please continue to check your child's account to see what they have been up to.

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. No jewellery other than watches and ear studs(not hoops or dangly earrings) should be worn.

Water bottles - We ask children to take their water bottles home every night and bring them the next morning. This will ensure they are regularly cleaned.

Homework is set on a Friday and due on the following Friday. Please encourage your child to complete this to the best of their ability. Every bit helps the children to remember and retrieve their learning. If your child does struggle, please encourage them to come and speak to me, Mr Coleman or Mrs Boon before they are due to give in the homework, so we can support them to complete it. Additionally, some homework tasks may be set on Seesaw linked to other areas of our curriculum. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Reading diaries will be checked every Friday to ensure that children who read 5 times a week. If your child has read 5 times in a week then they will be entered into the Whole School Reading Raffle and will gain 10 minutes extra playtime. Asking your child to read every night if possible and talking about what your child has read is equally important in order to enhance general comprehension of text. Please remind **your child to**

write in their diary every time they read, now that they are getting older, you can just sign their diary after checking it.

Children will be bringing home a knowledge organiser for the Geography and Science topics this half-term. There will be a short quiz at the end of the topics which will be based on these. Please encourage your child to try to learn as many of these key facts as possible.

<p>English Texts and writing outcomes:</p> <p>The Highway Man- Poetry- writing in role.</p> <p>The Brocken Spectre- Short Story Suspense</p>	<p>Maths Angles Fractions, decimals and percentages Area and perimeter</p>	<p>Science Forces Changes of materials</p>	<p>Art/DT Drawing: I need space</p> <p>Mechanical systems: making a pop up book.</p>	<p>PE O.A.A Netball Hockey Gymnastics</p>
<p>Non-fiction Explanation text on The Three Peaks Challenge</p>	<p>Geography Mountains</p> <p>History Maya Civilisation</p>	<p>Computing Selection in physical computing</p> <p>Flat-file databases</p>	<p>RE Why do Hindus want to be good?</p> <p>What do Christians believe Jesus did to save people?</p> <p>PSHE Keeping Safe Rights and Respect</p>	<p>Music Rhythm</p>

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

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