



## Newbold Verdon Primary School

### Autumn Term 2024: Curriculum Newsletter: Mr Wright's Year 2 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 2 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. **PE Kits should comprise of white t-shirts, black shorts, black jogging bottoms, black 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. Indoor and outdoor PE kits should be labelled (so we can return it to the correct person should anything become lost), in separate bags and go in your child's locker.

School uniforms 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 in the next morning. This will stop children needing to fill them up in the morning and will ensure bottles are cleaned.

Support with your child's homework is greatly appreciated. Homework will be set every week (starting in a few weeks) and this will usually 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 day that they read at home. It is expected that children will read 5 times per week – even if it is only for 5 minutes. The children can get Dojo reward points in school for reading at home too.

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 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.

### Autumn Curriculum Overview

<b>English:</b> - The Last Polar Bear (Fiction) - Shape Poems (Poetry) - The day the Crayons Quit (Non-Fiction letter writing)	<b>Maths:</b> Place value Written and mental calculation methods Shape	<b>Geography:</b> Hot and Cold Places
<b>History:</b> Remembrance Day	<b>PSHE:</b> - Me and my relationships - Valuing difference	<b>Computing:</b> - Information technology around us - Digital photography
<b>Science:</b> - Habitats from around the world - Living things and habitats	<b>RE:</b> - Who is a Muslim and how do they live? - Why does Christmas matter to Christians?	<b>Music:</b> - Pulse - Rhythm
<b>PE:</b> is timetabled for Monday and Friday this half term covering Dance & Multi-skills	<b>Art: Craft:</b> map it out. <b>DT: Structures:</b> model chairs	

Year 2 will have both Forest School and Art/DT on a Thursday on the dates below.

Thursday: 29th August	Thursday: 12th September	Thursday: 26th September	Thursday: 10th October
Thursday: 31st October	Thursday: 14th November	Thursday: 28th November	Thursday: 12th 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 with you regarding this year.

Yours sincerely,

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 Mrs Swann will be the adult supporting the children in class

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