



Newbold Verdon Primary School

Spring Term 2025 Curriculum Newsletter: Mr Wright's Year 2 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. **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. 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

A knowledge organiser for Science and the History/Geography topics will be available on our website. 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.

Spring Curriculum Overview

English: - Action/Adventure (Fiction) - Instructional text (Non fiction) - Warning tale (Fiction) - Shape poetry (Poetry)	Maths: Place value Written calculation methods Fractions	Geography: Continents and Oceans
History: Castles	PSHE: - Keeping Safe - Rights and respect	Computing: - Robot algorithms - Pictograms
Science: - Plants - Life cycles	RE: - Who is a Muslim and how do they live? - Why does Easter matter to Christians?	Music: - Pitch - Music Technology
PE: is timetabled for Monday and Friday this half term covering Gymnastics, Archery & Target, Racket Games	Art: Painting and mixed media: beside the seaside DT: Balanced diet Mechanisms: fairground wheel	

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

Thursday: 9th January	Thursday: 23rd January	Thursday: 6th February	Thursday: 27th February
Thursday: 13th March	Thursday: 27th March	Thursday: 10th April	

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). Wellies and waterproofs are needed in school for our Dragon Playtimes, where children can play on the field.

Yours sincerely,

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