



Newbold Verdon Primary School

January 2026

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter – Spring Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school, I hope you had a lovely summer break and made the most of the beautiful weather we have had. I am looking forward to the Autumn Term with you in Year 2 - we have an 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 on the same day. Therefore, your child will always need to bring in their Forest School clothing for Forest School days (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 – 13th/27th

February – 10th

March – 3rd/17th

Here are a few reminders of how you can support your child during Year 2

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 and learning each day. Please make sure that your child arrives on time to make the most of their learning experience.

P.E Kit – Children will come into school in their P.E kit on their P.E days. PE kit consists of black shorts, leggings, or jogging bottoms, white t-shirt, black jumper and trainers. Please ensure that this is named. Year 2 will have P.E. on a Monday. For gymnastics, we will be in the hall. The children will be barefoot.

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.

Healthy school - We are part of the Food for Life initiative and know that children learn best when they are fuelled with a balanced, nutritional diet. Children should bring in fruit or vegetable snacks for breaktime and bottles filled with water only. We are a **nut and seed free school**.

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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 back the next morning. This will ensure they are regularly cleaned.

Homework consists of reading 5 times a week, walk and talk topics, spellings and times tables. Children’s maths homework is set online on Times Tables Rock Stars. Maths **homework changed to 15 minutes of TTRockstars every week last year and this will continue throughout the year (across the whole school)**. Their spellings will be sent out each week, we focus on 3 words per week. Children can also practise their spellings on LetterJoin.

Reading diaries will be checked every Friday to ensure that children who read at least 5 times that week, get their points and rewards. Please ensure the children are encouraged to read themselves, with adults listening. Please record every time your child reads in their reading diary.

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| <p>English</p> <p>Information text Narrative writing Grammar, punctuation and spelling throughout Dictation</p> | <p>Maths</p> <p>Odd and even</p> <p>Adding and subtracting 1-digit numbers to and from 2-digit numbers</p> <p>Adding three or more 1-digit numbers</p> <p>Adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers to 100</p> <p>Adding and subtracting to 20</p> <p>Arrays</p> <p>An ongoing focus times tables (2s, 3s, 5s and 10s)</p> | <p>Science</p> <p>Plants</p> <p>Animals including humans: life cycles</p> | <p>Art/Design and Technology</p> <p>Painting and Mixed Media</p> <p>Mechanisms</p> | <p>PE</p> <p>Gymnastics</p> <p>Archery & Target</p> |
| <p>History</p> <p>Castles</p> <p>Geography</p> <p>The World</p> | <p>RE</p> <p>Judaism</p> | <p>Computing</p> <p>Robot algorithms</p> <p>IT in the world beyond school</p> | <p>PSHE</p> <p>Safety and the Changing Body</p> <p>Citizenship</p> | <p>Music</p> <p>Rhythm</p> <p>Pitch</p> |

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

Yours sincerely,

Miss Burbank – Year 2 Class Teacher