



Newbold Verdon Primary School

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Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter – Summer Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have a lovely Easter break and fingers crossed we will have some good weather! I am looking forward to the Summer Term with Year 5, we have an exciting rest of the year ahead, including our trip to the Mosque, planned with activities to support your child's learning and progress. All PE days, Forest School sessions and other key dates can be found on our website's calendar using this link:

<https://www.newboldverdonprimaryschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=3&viewid=1>

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 Friday on the following dates:

April – 21st

May – 5th, 19th

June – 9th, 23rd

July – 7th

Here are a few reminders of how you can support your child during Year 5

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 to just above the knee during warmer months. Year 5 will have P.E. on a Wednesday.

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 break time and bottles filled with water only. We are a **nut and seed free school**.

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.

Homework consists of reading 5 times a week, oracy topics, spellings, maths, grammar and times tables. Children's maths homework is set online on Times Tables Rock Stars. Their spellings will

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be sent out each week, we focus on 3 words per week. Children can also practise their spellings on LetterJoin if they wish to.

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 entering the reading raffle.

<p>English</p> <p><i>Texts we will look at:</i> Coming to England – Floella Benjamin Counting on Katherine – Melaine Becker Windrush Child – Benjamin Zephaniah Curiosity – Markus Motum The Highwayman – Alfred Noyes Grammar, punctuation and spelling throughout</p>	<p>Maths</p> <p>Daily Arithmetic of the four operations. Area and perimeter Measurement Scale drawings Graphs and charts Geometry An ongoing focus on all times tables (to 12 x 12)</p>	<p>Science</p> <p>Earth and Space Life Cycles</p>	<p>Art/Design and Technology</p> <p>Painting and mixed media: portraits Food: what could be healthier?</p>	<p>PE</p> <p>Athletics Cricket Rounders Sessions with Coach Unlimited</p>
<p>History</p> <p>Windrush generation</p> <p>Geography</p> <p>Our local area</p>	<p>RE</p> <p>Was Jesus the Messiah? Why do some people believe in God and some do not?</p>	<p>Computing</p> <p>Using variables in programming to develop a game</p>	<p>PSHE</p> <p>Safety and the changing body</p> <p>French</p> <p>Space</p>	<p>Music</p> <p>Rhythm Pitch</p>

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

Yours sincerely,

Miss Wood – Year 5 Class Teacher