



Newbold Verdon Primary School



Dear Parents and Carers.

This term our topics are All Around Us in Summer 1 and Amazing Creatures in Summer 2.

Our Key texts are:

On the way home

Zog

Where the Wild Things Are

The Snail and the Whale

The Way Back Home

The Naughty Bus

Mr Gumpy's Outing

Traction Man

The King who wanted to touch the Moon

Oh Oh the Story Man

Tiddler

Perfectly Norman

The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch

Under the Sea

The Journey

Little Bear

Zanzibar

In **Communication and Language** we will be practising using the correct tense when talking, in particular making sure that we use the past, present and future tense correctly. We will also be ensuring that we can use pronouns and prepositions correctly. We will read and re read stories several times a day concentrating on Tier 2 vocabulary (words that are not used every day) and modelling how children can use the words correctly.

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development** we will be thinking about resilience and bouncing back when things go wrong and understanding that it is okay to make mistakes. We will also be learning about eating healthily and having a healthy body and mind. We will then move onto learning about life cycles of animals and plants and understanding how we grow and change. We will know and will be able to explain and follow rules in school.

In **Fine Motor Skills (physical development)** we will be threading, cutting, weaving and using playdough. The children will be practising their letter formation and will be using scissors to cut wavy lines and circles. In **Gross**



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Motor Development

the children will be that involve obstacles and balancing. They will also be practising games ready for Sports Day.

(physical development)

playing team games

In **Literacy** we will continue to write simple sentences using. The children will be reading simple phrases and sentences and writing sentences using the phonic sounds that they have been taught. The children will continue to consolidate Set 1 sounds (and some children will be learning Set 2 and Set 3 sounds) and will use these in their writing. We will continue to practise our letter formation and will be practising writing on the line.

Please read with your child as often as you can. Reading is the gateway to all other subjects and that is why we make it such a focus. Please make sure that you write in your child's reading record every time that you have read with your child. Please ask if you need any help or assistance with reading with your child.

In **Maths** we will continue to use tens frames to self-register and as part of our daily book vote. We will be solving more and less problems using data handling, learning number bonds and seeing that a whole is made up of parts. We will be using addition and subtraction facts to solve problems.

In **Understanding the World (History, Geography, Science, RE)**. We will be thinking about how we can look after our planet and learn about recycling and how we can take care of the world. We will continue to learn about the seasons and discuss what we wear for different seasons. We will understand that there are different religions and will learn more about Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Sikhism.

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we will use props and materials to role play familiar stories, we will have access to a wide variety of materials in order to create and make considering colour, texture and function. We will continue to learn about rhythm, pulse and pitch and will make our own compositions using instruments.

As always, if you have any questions please ask.

Thank you so much for your support so far this year.

Our very best wishes,

Mrs Dewis and Mrs Allcock



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