



Newbold Verdon Primary School

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Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 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 Year 5, we have an exciting rest of the 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 Miss Bell 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 arrive 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 Monday on the following dates:

September: 14th, 28th October: 12th November: 2nd, 16th, 30th December: 14th

Due to the bank holiday, Year 5 will have Forest School on Thursday 27th August.

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.

P.E Kit – Children will come into school in their P.E kit on their P.E days. PE kit consists of black shorts or leggings, white t-shirt, black hoodie or jumper and trainers, your child will also need a spare pair of shoes in school. Please ensure that this is named. **Year 5 will have P.E. on a Wednesday.** No football boots with studs should be worn or brought into school.

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. 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. We are a **nut and seed free school**.

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Homework consists of reading 5 times a week (this can be logged on Track My Read <https://trackmyread.org/school/newbold-verdon-primary-school-918825>), discussion topics, spellings and times tables. Children's maths homework is set online which **consists 15 minutes of Times Tables Rock Stars every week throughout the year and across the whole school.** Children can also practise their spellings on LetterJoin if they wish to.

Termly overview:

English Narrative writing Grammar, punctuation and spelling throughout Dictation Handwriting	Maths Estimating Place Value Adding and Subtracting Multiplying and Dividing Daily Arithmetic of the four operations. An ongoing focus on all times tables (to 12 x 12)	Science Living things and their habitats Properties of materials	Art/Design and Technology Craft and design: architecture Electrical systems: doodlers	PE Tag Rugby OAA Hockey
History Vikings Geography Our blue planet	RE Justice How can following God bring freedom and justice?	Computing Introduction to computer systems & e-safety Introduction to vector graphics	PSHE My healthy self: How can I support my mind and body as I grow? Connecting with others: Why are healthy relationships important?	Music Rhythm Pitch

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

Yours sincerely,

Miss Wood – Year 5 Class Teacher