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## Newbold Verdon Primary School and Community Centre

### **Autumn Term 1**

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum is comprised of 7 areas:

- Literacy
- Maths
- Communication and Language
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Literacy (phonics and early writing) and Maths are taught daily, whilst the other subjects are taught through play and through topic based work. This half term are topic question is "Is everybody's home the same?" Attached is a knowledge mat which explains how this question will be taught in the different areas of the curriculum and the key vocabulary that we will be using. It would be fantastic if you could use this vocabulary at home with your child. We will be publishing a weekly newsletter on Tapestry that will give you more information about what the children are learning about and how you can support this at home.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask a member of the Early Years Team.

Thank you,  
Mrs Dewis, Mrs Carey and Mrs Cerone

### **Autumn Term 2**

Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term we have a lot of exciting things to look forward to! Our topic is 'Why is it Cold in winter?' In Understanding the World: People and Communities (RE) we will be thinking about which times are special and why. We will be looking at different festivals that take place during Autumn and Winter in particular Diwali and Christmas. We will be

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busy preparing for our Nativity in Music and will be learning how to sing in a group, remembering lyrics and actions and singing in tune!

In Understanding the World: The World (Science) we are going to be thinking about changes that take place over time and thinking about the similarities and differences of the seasons. We will be looking at what happens in Autumn and Winter and the changes that take place. This will form a large part of our Forest School focus.

In Understanding the World: People and Communities (History) we are going to be thinking about the similarities and differences between ourselves and others and among families, communities and traditions. We will be looking at different celebrations such as Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas and thinking about why they happen as well as how we might celebrate different occasions at home.

In Understanding the World: The World (Geography) we are going to introduce the children to how the weather is different in different parts of the world. The children will develop their understanding of how the weather changes depending upon where you live. Our art work this half term will reflect our learning about different seasons and traditions and we will be experimenting with colour mixing. In Design and Technology we will be looking at combining different media and materials and we will be cooking Diwali sweets and Christmas treats!

In PE we will be doing activities to develop our core strength which helps us with our writing, as well as practising dressing and undressing ourselves independently.

In Personal, Social and Emotional development we will be developing our understanding of listening to others, taking turns and expressing our own opinions.

The knowledge organiser will give you more information regarding this half term.

Thank you for your support,

The Foundation Stage Team

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