



Welcome!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Newbold Verdon Primary School and to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). We hope that it is the beginning of a long and happy partnership.

We will regularly keep you updated with news and events within the Foundation Stage, but here is some information that you need to know at the start of term:

Staff:

Class teachers - Mrs Dewis, Mrs Carey, Mrs Cerone

Teaching assistants- Miss Garvey and Miss Summers.

PE

PE will take place on a Friday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school. We will send home PE bags once we have received them from the PTA.

Water Bottles and snacks

Please send your child with a named water bottle. These will be sent home each day to be washed and refilled for the next day. Unfortunately we are unable to provide toast at the moment, however if you would like your child to have a morning snack please send in a piece of fruit in a named container.

Milk is provided free of charge until your child turns 5, after this you can pay for milk via coolmilk.com

Reading Books

Your child will be given two books, one book for you to share together, the other for them to read to you. Please read with your child every day and record this in their reading diary, which should be brought into school daily. Reading books will be changed weekly. We appreciate that the children may not be reading yet but please look at the books together - at this stage it is important that children know how to handle a book, understand which is the front and back cover and that we read from left to right. Please speak to a member of the team if you need any assistance or guidance.

Little Star vouchers

The topics that we teach in the Foundation Stage are very much child-led and we aim to get to know the children very well - for this to happen we need your help! Please let us know of any significant achievements or interests within your child's life - no matter how small. Please write these on a Little Star voucher (attached) so that we have a record of this information.

Learning Journeys

In the Early Years Foundation Stage, children learn through play, exploration and practical activities. Ongoing assessment from all of the adults involved with your child helps to build an accurate picture of what they can do and what the next steps should be in their learning to ensure that they make progress and reach their full potential. Learning Journeys document this information and will include evidence such as photographs, observations or samples of their work. We also welcome contributions from you and other family members either in the form of Little Star Vouchers or any other photographs or samples of work that you would like to include. At Newbold Verdon Primary School we use Tapestry online learning journeys, and we welcome parental contributions of photos, videos or observations of anything that you would like to share with us. We upload a newsletter to Tapestry every week to keep you up to date with what we are learning in class and ways that you can help at home, as well as any information that you may need about events in school. We may also email you information directly so please keep an eye on your emails!

Topic

Our topics change each half term. This half term our topic is 'What do I know about me?'

Understanding the World:

Past and Present (History) - The children will be introduced to the concept that their family has a past and that there are generations in a family. Children will develop their understanding of what life was like for their grandparents and will think about what is the same/different compared to today.

People, Culture and Communities (Geography)- The children will think about where they live and where that is in Great Britain, the different types of houses in Britain and their features. They will also learn about the type of houses that African children live in and how they are the same/different.

People, Culture and Communities (RE) - The children will develop their understanding of some religious stories and words, the Bible and the Qu'ran and start to understand that keeping promises is a good thing.

The Natural World (Science) - The children will develop their understanding of different materials that can be used to make a house. They will think about which materials make a

strong/weak house and begin to use the different vocabulary to describe different materials.

Expressive Arts and Design:

Creating with Materials (Design and Technology) - The children will develop their understanding of the different tools available to create representations of themselves and their homes.

Being Imaginative and Expressive (Art) - The children will develop their understanding of: how to create colours by colour mixing.

Being Imaginative and Expressive (Music) - The children will develop their understanding of recognising and exploring how sounds can be made and changed

Personal, Social and Emotional Development - The children will develop their understanding of listening to others, taking turns and expressing their own opinions.

Thank you for your support so far. We will be holding a phonics meeting on Monday 14th September and Thursday 17th September at 4pm via Zoom in order to tell you more about the phonics scheme we use in school. We will send invites out nearer the time. Both meetings will be exactly the same, just sign up for the date which suits you best.

Please email us if you have any questions or queries.

The Foundation Stage Team

