



## Newbold Verdon Primary School and Community Centre

Hello everyone and welcome back to the Spring Term,

This term our topic is Super Heroes / People who Help Us. We will be looking at who our favourite superheroes are and what we would like our superpowers to be! We will be having visits from real life superheroes including a nurse, midwife, doctor (thank you to our parent volunteers!) as well as a chance to have a look at a real fire engine and ambulance. We are hoping that this topic will really engage the children and hopefully we will have lots to write about! Our English focus this term will be to develop the children's stamina for writing so that we can build up to writing full sentences. Most of the children can now write their name independently and now have a book to write in when they come into school. Thank you for dropping the children at the door in the morning, as developing independence is a key skill for the children.

In Phonics we will be learning tricky words and will move onto Phase 3 phonemes (sounds). Please continue to practise the tricky words and sounds with your child and to read as often as you can - including the bookmark words at the front of the reading record. It is amazing how much difference reading at home makes to the children's fluency. We will be reading with the children as soon as they come into school in the mornings across the week and will change their books at the same time.

In Maths we will be reciting numbers to 20 and recognising numbers up to 20. We will be counting on and back and developing skills to find one more and one less than a number. We will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes and revisiting money. Thank you to everyone who has helped their children with the Monster Maths challenges-please let us know if you need a challenge sheet.

Forest School will continue in the Spring Term. Please send back your child's waterproofs and please ensure that your child has adequate layers in school to wear when they are outside. These can be left on their peg. Most children have wellies now but a pair of thick socks would also be helpful.

Toast money is now due - it will be £2.90 for this half term. Please remember that when your child reaches 5 they are no longer entitled to free milk and you need to pay for it by registering on coolmilk.com.

Thank you for your continued support- if you ever need to speak to us we are always available at the end of the day.

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