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## Newbold Verdon Primary School and Community Centre

### Autumn term 2019: Mr Codd's class

September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been great to see everyone again following the summer holidays and I am looking forward to sharing with them many exciting experiences. As we begin the new academic year, here are a few reminders of how you can support your child during their time at Newbold Verdon Primary School:

Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit in school on the appropriate days. For indoor PE this should comprise of a white t-shirt, black shorts and black pumps. For outside PE lessons and activities they will also need a sweatshirt, some jogging bottoms and a pair of trainers. Earrings should be removed for PE. If their ears have been recently pierced, your child should bring micro-pore tape to cover them for the initial 6 weeks.

School uniform should be worn at all other times. This includes black or grey trousers/skirt/shorts and a white or blue polo shirt. In addition a royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan should be worn and shoes should be black. No jewellery other than watches and ear studs should be worn.

We ask children to take their water bottles home every night and bring them the next morning. This will stop children needing to fill them up during school time and will ensure bottles are regularly cleaned.

Your support with your child's homework is greatly appreciated. Homework will be set every Friday and this will consist of one grammar and one maths worksheet. They will need to hand this in on the following Friday to receive an extra Dragon Wing. Children should not spend more than 20 minutes on each of these, unless of course they wish to do more. The children will also be encouraged to continue to practice their times tables - on TTRockstars. Homework Club will continue to run after school (letters to be handed out shortly).

Reading diaries will be checked every Friday so please can you make sure that you or your child sign for every date that they read. It is expected that children will read 3/5 times per week - even if it is only for 5 minutes. Children who read 5 times or more in a week will receive an extra Dragon Wing!

This term our main theme is history based: looking at who the Vikings were and how they changed Britain. We will also begin the year focusing on plastic pollution and how we can all do our bit for the environment. Children will be bringing home a knowledge mat for the history and science topics. There will be a short quiz at the end of the topics which will be based on these mats. Please encourage your child to try to learn as many of these key facts as possible.



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*'Dragons fly high, show respect and have fun!'*



English (guided reading and writing):

Goodnight Mister Tom

Skellig

Observational poetry

Maths:

Place value and number

Numbers in real life

Written and mental methods

History:

Were the Vikings always victorious and vicious?

PSHE:

Myself and my relationships (beginning and belonging)

Computing:

E-safety

Coding

Science:

Properties and changes of materials

Forces

RE:

Why do some people think that God exists?

If God is everywhere, why go to a place of worship?

Art/D&T:

Making Viking shields

Dragon Eyes

Viking flatbread

French:

Greetings, clothing and food

Music:

Why is there harmony in my head?

PE:

PE is timetabled for Tuesday and Wednesday this term and we will be covering tag rugby, dance, badminton and outdoor and adventurous activities. Please make sure your child has the correct indoor and outdoor kit available all week as we sometimes have opportunities to do extra PE sessions.

Please come and speak to me if you have any issues or concerns regarding this year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Codd





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