



Newbold Verdon Primary School and Community Centre

January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have all had a wonderful Christmas break and that the children are all ready for an exciting term ahead, I am very much looking forward to beginning the new year with them. As we begin a new year, here are some reminders of how you can support your child.

Please could you supply your child with a labelled and filled water bottle each morning. These should be taken home each night for washing to ensure cleanliness. This will help your children to stay hydrated throughout the day.

Weekly tasks

This term the focus on times tables for the children will be the 8 x tables, as we work towards learning all tables (up to 12 x 12) by the end of year 4. This will be harder to learn than the 3s and 4s which we have been practicing but please use the TT Rockstars apps to help with this (logins are in their homework books). We will continue with the weekly times tables tests as well as spelling tests; spellings tests will be on Friday mornings and the tables test on a Monday afternoon. Also, on a Friday, children will need to bring their reading diaries in to be monitored, children are expected to read at least 4 times per week. Children who complete their homework and read at least 4 times a week get 30 minutes of Golden Time on a Friday afternoon and those who do not miss out on some of this. Your help in supporting your children to achieve this is greatly appreciated.

PE

PE will be twice a week and days may differ so please make sure that your child has the correct kit for PE lessons every day. Indoor kit should include: a white t-shirt, black shorts and black pumps with outdoor kit including a sweatshirt, a pair of jogging bottoms and a pair of trainers as well.

All earrings must be removed for PE lessons. If your child's ears have been recently pierced please provide them with tape or plasters to cover them up temporarily.

PTO

Subjects

Maths – place value, calculations (addition and subtraction)

English – Talk for writing warning stories and newspaper reports

Science – Forces and magnets

Computing – Coding (code.org)

Topic (geography and history) – The Anglo-Saxons and our European Neighbours

RE – Religious Signs and Symbols

Art – Jewellery Design

PE – Outdoor Adventure Activities

PSHE – Happiness

Music – Recorders (recorders will be provided)

French – “All about me”

I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and thank you for all your support at home.

Dates for the diary

Friday 1st February - Trip to the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery to see the Staffordshire Hoard and experience some archeology and Anglo-Saxon art work.

Yours sincerely,

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