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Newbold Verdon Primary School and Community Centre

September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that your children have begun to settle in to another year at Newbold Verdon Primary School. We have enjoyed getting to know them all and we're looking forward to the year ahead working with them. As we begin this new year, here are a few of the ways that you can help support your child whilst in year 4.

Homework and Reading

Homework will be set every week on Tuesday and is due in on the following Tuesday, this will be one piece of English and maths.

Reading at home is extremely important and as such, the school expects that every child will read at home at least three times a week, if your child reads five or more times a week they will receive an additional dragon wing! Reading diaries must be signed by an adult, but independent reading sessions can be filled in by your child.

Although they are of an age where they are reading independently, it is still good practice to read aloud, if you can please do take the time to listen to your child read. Reading diaries need to be handed in on Tuesdays, but should be in school everyday, especially on Fridays, when we have a volunteer reader in school.



Multiplication Tables Check

In line with the curriculum, year 4 children are expected to know all times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of the year and the government have brought in a new statutory assessment for children at the end of year 4. Continued support and practise of these at home will be of great benefit to your child. The school subscribes to Times Table Rockstars, which is free to download onto most tablets and mobile phones. Every child has a log in which they can use at home and at school to practise their times tables.

PE

Please make sure that your child has the correct kit for PE lessons. 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 or shoes for separate use outside. Although we use set times for PE (Tuesdays and Wednesdays), please ensure that your child has their full PE kit in school every day, as there may be other times when it is needed.

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



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Music

This year the children will be learning instruments as a whole class with Mrs Fisher. Instruments will be provided for the children to use for the year for free, lessons will take place on Tuesday mornings and the instruments will have to be brought to and from school on this day. More details about our music lessons will be provided in a separate letter.



Wider Curriculum

This term our first theme is history based: considering what we can learn about the Ancient Egyptians. Our theme after half term will be geography based learning about Our European Neighbours and how our life in Britain relates to Europe. Children will be bringing home a knowledge mat for the history, geography 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.

History

How can we discover the wonders of Ancient Egypt?

Art/D&T

Jewellery designers
What do they eat in America?

RE

What can we learn from religions about deciding what is right and wrong?

Geography

Who are our European neighbours?

Computing

E-safety
Coding

Why is Jesus important to some people?

Science

Living in environments
Eating and digestion

PSHE

What are our rights, rules and responsibilities?
Anti-Bullying

French

All Around Town
On the Move

Parents and Carers' Meeting

After school on **Tuesday 10th September** there will be a meeting for parents and carers of the children in years 3 and 4. We will discuss the expectations of years 3 and 4 and will be available to answer questions you may have. LSAs will be able to look after children while you attend. If there are any questions you have before this date, please feel free to contact us through the school office or speak to us at the end of the school day.

Yours sincerely,

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