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Newbold Verdon Primary School and Community Centre

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! Below are the details of our curriculum over the next term and ways in which you can support your child through 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 Thursdays**), 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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'Dragons fly high, show respect and have fun!'

Music

This year the children are learning instruments as a whole class with Mrs Fisher. Lessons take place on Tuesday mornings and the instruments will have to be brought to and from school on this day.



Wider Curriculum

This term our first theme is geography based: considering what makes the earth angry. 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

None this term

Art/D&T

Vincent Van Gogh

RE

What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?

Geography

What makes the earth angry?

Computing

Coding
Word processing skills

French

On the Move
Going Shopping

Science

States of matter

PSHE

Me and my relationships

As always, if you need to speak to a member of staff, please try to make an appointment through the office, or come to us at the end of the day.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Leggett