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Newbold Verdon Primary School and Community Centre

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had an enjoyable time over the holiday and you and your children are ready for return back to school. Below you will find an update on what we will be learning this term and a few reminders from the beginning of the year.

Homework

Homework will be set every week on Monday and is due in on the following Monday, this will be one piece of English and maths. Homework club will be run by Mrs King and Mrs Bailiss on Monday afternoons, with places on a first come first served basis. Places this term are all full, spaces will be open again after the Easter holiday.

Spellings will be given out every Monday and tested the following week and times tables will be checked regularly. Children can practise these at home on Spelling Shed.

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, so 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 on to 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. The children will have a chance to practise both their spellings and their tables during school, but will benefit from practising these at home as well.

Reading

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 Mondays, but should be in school everyday.



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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. **If your child does not have the correct kit, they will not be able to take part in the lesson and a letter may be sent home.**



Although we use set times for PE (Wednesdays and Thursdays until half term), 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.

Topic

This term we will be continuing our topic of Anglo-Saxons, and focusing on this in our English and Guided Reading lessons. We will be visiting Birmingham Art Gallery and Museum as part of this topic, a separate letter will be sent out this week.

Thank you for your support so far this year. As always if you need to speak to us please either contact the office, send a note or catch us at the end of the day.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Leggett and Mrs Lancaster