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Mrs H Causon



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Mrs J Brennan



Newbold Verdon Primary School and Community Centre

August 2021

Autumn term 2021: Mrs Johnson's class

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful to see all the children again after a lovely summer; I hope you managed to enjoy the lovely weather. I am looking forward to working with your wonderful children again and feel very privileged to have them for another year. We hope to be getting back to some sort of normality this year but obviously this will depend on Covid 19 and any changes will be communicated to you by Mrs Causon. Mrs Flowitt is remaining with me in year 4 and we will also be welcoming Miss Hicks, who will both be supporting the children's learning. Mr March will be covering my class during my PPA on Wednesday afternoons this year.

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:

PE Kit - Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit in school every day as we may occasionally need to swap days. We always try to teach PE outside as much as possible so please ensure that your children have warm clothing during colder weather. Kit should comprise of a white t-shirt, black shorts, jogging bottoms, sweatshirt and 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 and they will need to be able to apply and remove this themselves.

School uniform should be worn at all 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 will continue to keep windows and doors open as much as possible to allow for airflow around the classroom. With this in mind, children are allowed to 'layer up' so long as they have the school sweatshirt or cardigan over the top. There is also the option of wearing a school fleece over the top of this.

Water bottles - 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.

Homework will be set and collected in every week and your support with this homework is greatly appreciated. The homework will consist of one grammar and one maths piece of work, which will be set on

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Seesaw. The homework should be completed by the following week 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.

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. This can be done independently. Children who read 5 times or more in a week will receive an extra Dragon Wing!

Reading in year 4 will continue to have a focus on whole class reading with a major focus on comprehension. Children who are struggling with their reading will however receive extra support as necessary. Therefore, extra reading at home (even in short bursts) is greatly appreciated and will support your child's development.

English:

Varmints (grammar and creative writing)
The Wild Way Home



Maths:

Rising Stars School Scheme
Place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
Geometric reasoning.

History:

Stone Age to Iron Age Britain

PSHE:

Me and my relationships
Valuing difference

Computing:

E-safety
Word processing



Science:

Living in Environments
Circuits and Conductors

Art/D&T:



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Music

This year the children will be learning the violin as a whole class. Instruments will be provided for the children to use for the year for free, lessons will take place on Monday 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.



PE:

PE is timetabled for Monday and Wednesday this term. We will be covering outdoor adventure activities and hockey and other sports.

Multiplication Tables Check

In year 4 children are expected to know all times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of the year and the government has brought in statutory assessment for this. 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.

Please arrange to speak to me, via the office, if you have any issues or concerns regarding this year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Johnson
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