



Newbold Verdon Primary School and Community Centre

Summer Term 2021: Mr Codd's Class

April 2021

Dear parents/carers,

I hope everyone had a good Easter break and that the children are ready for another exciting term. As we begin the new term, here are a few reminders of how you can support your child:



We are going to be keeping windows and doors open throughout the day 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.

Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit in school on the appropriate days. For indoor PE this should comprise of a white t-shirt, black shorts and black pumps. For outside PE lessons and activities they will also need a sweatshirt, some jogging bottoms and a pair of trainers. Earrings should be removed for PE. If their ears are recently pierced, your child should bring micropore tape to cover them for the initial 6 weeks.

We ask children to take their water bottles home every night and bring them in the next morning. This will stop children needing to fill them up during school time and will ensure bottles are regularly cleaned.

This half term, our Year 5 topic has a geography theme. We will be looking at rainforests with a huge focus on Brazil and the Amazon. This unit of work links in with our Design and Technology as well, where we will design and make birdhouses.

Support with your child's 'Catch-up Learning' is greatly appreciated. It will continue to be set every Friday and this will consist of an English and maths piece of work set on Seesaw. They will receive a Dragon Wing for every piece of work that they hand in provided they have completed the majority of the task/tasks to a standard that we would expect of them. We provide paper copies of the work which the children have access to in the classroom. The children also have access to TTRockstars to practise their times tables and Bug Club for reading and The Maths Factor.

Children will be bringing home a knowledge mat for the 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.

Reading diaries are 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 nights per week - even if it is only for 5 minutes. Children who read 5 times or more in a week will receive an extra Dragon Wing!

Maths - Rising Stars scheme of work, mental arithmetic and Rapid Reasoning.

English - The Man Who Walked Between Two Towers, Kensuke's Kingdom and The Tempest.

Reading - Comprehension Ninja and VIPERS.

Science - Life cycles (plants, animals and humans).

Computing - Coding and animation.



Geography - Exploring Brazil: Why is Brazil in the news again? Why should the rainforest be important to us all?

RE - What would Jesus do for us?

Design and Technology - Design, make and evaluate birdhouses.



PE - Netball, cricket, rounders and athletics.

PSHE - Keeping Myself Safe (linked to the new Sex and Relationships Education).

Music - Body percussion

Thank you for your continued support from home. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely,

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