



Monday 4th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Autumn Term 2 at Newhall Junior School. We are delighted to see how well the children have settled into the challenges of Year 5 and they have adapted excellently to the new academic year. We are looking forward to another exciting half term.

Curriculum

This term we will be learning about Changes in our Local Environment in Geography; Earth and Space in Science; Document Creation in Computing; Celebrating Difference in PHSE and Is the Christmas story true? in RE. In our PE sessions the pupils will be swimming and taking part in Gymnastic lessons. During Maths, we will be covering shape and fractions. In Writing, we will be producing a balanced argument, a persuasive letter, an explanation text and an information text linked to Space.

PE

PE this term will be on a Friday. This session will be outdoors where possible so please can children be dressed to suit the weather. Children should be wearing their school PE kit – please refer to the uniform policy. Children also need to have hair tied back and have removed their earrings or be able to take them out themselves. Swimming will also take place on a Friday.

Lost Property

To cut down on the amount of lost property each term, please could you ensure all items of your children's clothing is clearly labelled. This includes uniform, coats, lunch boxes and water bottles.

Homework and Weekly Tests

Homework this year will be to access Spelling Shed (<https://play.edshed.com/en-gb>) to practise spellings and Times Table Rockstars (<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>) to aid them in developing a rapid recall of multiplication facts. We ask that they complete these activities 4 times per week. This will be monitored by class teachers to ensure participation. Spelling tests will be on a Friday afternoon.

Reading

Your child is encouraged to bring their reading book home each day, along with their reading diary. Please set aside time at home for your child to read quietly or to an adult. Reading at home, when it is a regular habit, has a remarkable impact on reading progress. We ask that children read at least 4 times per week at home and that this is evidenced in their reading diary by an adult.

Yours faithfully,

The Year 5 Team