



Newhall Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a wonderful break. We are delighted to have the children back in school and eager to learn.

Curriculum

This term in History, we will be investigating the question 'What happened when the Romans came to Britain?' In Science, we will be studying 'Sound', whilst in RE we will be studying Christianity, "Is forgiveness always possible for Christians?" In Writing, we will be using The Write Stuff approach to write a set of instructions and a setting description, in Reading we will be studying Roman non-fiction texts, *Seed* by Caryl Lewis and James and the *Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl and in Maths, we will be learning about fractions and decimals.

PE

All three classes will be having PE on a Monday and a Tuesday afternoon. This term we will be looking at hockey and tag rugby and both PE lessons will be outside so please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately. Children should be wearing their PE kit and have either removed their earrings or be able to take them out themselves, as the County Council stipulates that children wearing earrings cannot take part in PE and that covering them in tape is not allowed. Please refer to the school uniform list for details of the required kit. If your child is asthmatic and requires an inhaler, please ensure we have a labelled inhaler in school.

Homework and Spellings

A reminder that children should be accessing Times Tables Rockstars and Spelling Shed (please see your child's reading diary for their login details) 4 times per week. This will continue to be monitored by your child's class teacher. Spelling Tests will be completed each Tuesday, with new spellings given out afterwards.





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Lost Property

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

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.

Exciting Activities

We have a very busy term coming up: some children have already completed Bikeability where they have been learning to ride a bike, we have a visit from author Ben Davies, Heroes vs Villains day for World Book Day and Science Week where children will be getting to experience the Wonderdome. We can't wait!

If you have any issues, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

The Year 4 Team - Miss Swain, Mr Roper and Miss Vickers

