



# Newhall Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to Spring Term 1 in Year 6. We hope that you have had a wonderful Christmas break and that you enjoyed a peaceful holiday together. The children showed incredible focus and determination in the autumn term, and we are very proud of their achievements so far. We look forward to working with the children to build on their exceptional start to Year 6.

## Curriculum

This half term, we will be studying *Global Warming and Climate Change (Geography)*, *'Our Bodies' (Science)* and contemplating *'Is Anything Ever Eternal?' (RE)*. The children will be focusing on programming in Computing, in learning how to create a maze using Scratch, whilst we will be considering our *'Dreams and Goals'* in PSHE. In Art, we will be focusing on our drawing and sketching skills. In Maths sessions, we will be working on ratio, algebra and decimals. During Writing lessons, we will be writing a newspaper report based on a famous children's tale and a setting description based on one of the most famous alleys ever! In Reading lessons, we will be continuing to study both fiction and non-fiction texts. We will continue with the Mini Police programme on Friday afternoons, learning about a range of issues in our community and further afield.

## PE

All three classes will have PE on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Please ensure that children come to school ready for PE on their PE days. 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.

## Homework and Weekly Tests

Spellings will be given out on Friday and the weekly spelling test will take place on the following Friday. Spelling practice can be accessed using Spelling Shed. Additionally, we expect children to access Times Table Rock Stars at least 4 times per week at home. Children should access the 'Garage' section of the website, as this feature will target specific times tables for your child. We will also complete Club 99 on a weekly basis.

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 an adult evidences this in their reading diary.

## Lost Property

To cut down on the amount of lost property each term, please ensure all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled. This includes uniform, coats, lunch boxes and water bottles.

Yours faithfully,

The Year 6 Team

Mr Lander, Mr Wibberley, Miss Rushton, Miss Morgan and Miss Smith

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