



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Autumn Term 2 in Year 3 at Newhall Junior School. We are delighted at how well the children have settled into school life and we are eager to continue building on our relationships with the children. We have a busy and exciting half term to come, beginning with the Calke Abbey school trip on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Curriculum**

This term we will be asking 'Why is climate important?' in Geography; Movement and feeding in Science; E-Safety in Computing; Celebrating difference in PHSE and asking 'Has Christmas lost its true meaning?' in RE. PE will focus on ball skills and gymnastics. In Maths, we will continue to focus on addition and subtraction, as well as working on our times tables. We will write an explanation text based on 'Stone Age Boy' and we will then write a narrative based on 'The Bear and the Hare'. We will continue to read a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts in reading.

### **PE**

PE this term will be on a Wednesday and Thursday. 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.

### **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 Monday morning and new spellings will also be given out on a Monday.

### **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.

### **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. We would also like to remind you that the children can access the Accelerated Reader quizzes from home too if they would like to.



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Yours faithfully,  
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