



NEWHALL JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a wonderful break. We are delighted at how well the children have settled into the challenges of Year 4 and we are looking forward to another exciting, busy half term.

Curriculum

This term in History, we will be investigating the question 'How much did the Ancient Egyptians achieve?' In Science, we will be studying 'Human Nutrition', whilst in RE we will be studying Christianity, focusing on the Christmas story. In Writing, we will be studying 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane' and 'The Nutcracker', producing a persuasive advert and a diary entry. In Reading lessons, we will be studying Alice in Wonderland and non-fiction about the Ancient Egyptians and the digestive system and in Maths, we will be learning about multiplication and division. During our computing lessons, the children will be learning basic computing skills on Microsoft Word.

PE

All three classes will be having PE on a Monday and a Friday afternoon. This term we will be looking at Fitness and dance. Monday 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.

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 Monday, with new spellings given out afterwards.

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.

Art/DT



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Please ensure that your child has a labelled art shirt or apron in school (something to protect their school clothes from paint etc). This term we will be working with charcoal and working with printing ink.

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

Yours faithfully,

The Year 4 Team