



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Autumn Term 1 in Year 4 at Newhall Junior School. We are excited to be welcoming back the children and are looking forward to hearing about their summer break.

Curriculum

This term we will be learning about the Americas in Geography; Grouping Living Things in Science; E-Safety in Computing; Being me in my world in PHSE and 'What is the best way for a Jew to lead a good life?' in RE. Our PE sessions will focus on basketball and gymnastics. Space Week will take place in week 5. In Maths, we will be covering place value, including representation and partition of numbers, addition and subtraction, including using formal written methods. We will be writing poetry based on The Sound Collector before writing a setting description and narrative based on The Midnight Fair. Please refer to the Curriculum Map, found on the school website, for further detail on your child's learning.

PE

PE this term will be on a Monday and 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.

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 lists will be given out on a Monday and the accompanying test will take place on the following Monday afternoon.

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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