



NEWHALL JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to Spring Term 2 in Year 3 at Newhall Junior School. We hope that the children had a relaxing break and we look forward to another half term full of learning. The children have showed wonderful enthusiasm so far this year and we are excited to continue building on this foundation. We would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the reading achievements of Year 3 and to thank you for engaging so well with **Accelerated Reader** and home learning generally.

Curriculum

This term we will be considering 'Where on Earth are we?' in Geography and we will be learning about 'Light and Shadows' in Science, whilst this year's British Science Week focus will be 'Change and Adapt'. We will focus on 'Digital Content Creation' in Computing, learning how to edit and modify photographs. We will reflect on what 'Healthy Me' looks like in PHSE and we will ask 'What is good about Good Friday?' in RE as part of our Easter learning. Football and fitness are our PE topics and the children will be learning about the 'Fabric of Nature' in Art. In Maths, we will be focusing on 'Fractions', before concentrating on 'Mass and Capacity'. In writing, we will be producing a biography and a story based on 'Inside the Villains' by Clotilde Perrin. 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 Wednesday and Thursday. Thursday's 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 on the school website. 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



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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.

Yours faithfully,
The Year 3 Team