



Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Autumn Term 1 in Year 5 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 Anglo-Saxons in History; Life Cycles in Science; E-Safety in Computing; Being Me In My World in PHSE and How far would a Sikh go for his or her religion? in RE. In our PE sessions the pupils will be swimming and taking part in Outdoor and Adventurous Activity (OAA). Space Week will take place in week 5. During Maths we will be covering place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and fractions. We will be writing speeches and narratives in Writing and our first class book will be Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone by JK Rowling which links to our writing unit.

### **PE**

PE this term will be on 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. Swimming will also take place on a Friday. Swimming will not begin until the week commencing Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and you will shortly receive information and consent forms that will need to be completed.

### **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.

### **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 Friday afternoon.

### **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.

Yours faithfully,

The Year 5 Team