



Monday 4th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Autumn Term 2 at Newhall Junior School. We are delighted to see how well the children have settled into the challenges of Year 6 and they have adapted excellently to the new academic year. We are looking forward to another exciting half term.

Curriculum

This term we will be learning about the Ancient Maya in History; Light and Sight in Science; Document Creation in Computing; Celebrating Difference in PHSE and How significant was it that Mary was Jesus' mother? in RE. In our PE sessions the pupils will be participating in weekly Gymnastics and Basketball lessons. During Maths we will be covering fractions and converting measurements. We will be writing a diary entry and instructions linked to The Northern Lights and a character description, informal letter and flashback narrative linked to A Christmas Carol in Writing.

PE

Our PE lessons will take place on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Children should be wearing their school PE kit - please refer to the uniform section 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.

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 6 Team