



# Newhall Community Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to your child's final half term at Newhall Community Junior School, before they move onto their chosen secondary school. All of the staff would like to share our pride in how the children handled the challenge of the SATs assessments. Every child rose to the challenge and made sure they gave their all. We look forward to receiving their results later this term and celebrating their time at our school. Many of the year group are currently at Lea Green and we look forward to hearing of their experiences. The rest of the year group are designing websites, working on art skills, making iMovies, baking scones and holding PE tournaments!

## Curriculum

This half term, our main focus will be on preparing the children for their transition to Year 7. Enhanced transition sessions are already taking place at various secondary schools and all children will visit their secondary school later this term. We look forward to hearing about the children's taster days at their secondary school. We are practicing for our Sports Day on Wednesday June 26<sup>th</sup> (details have been sent separately to this) and we have lots of exciting experiences in store for the children before they leave in July.

We will continue to focus on writing, reading and maths skills, in order to best prepare the children for Year 7. Our History learning will be focused on 'The Ancient Greeks.' We will be studying 'Changing Circuits' in Science and asking 'Does belief in Akhirah (life after death) help Muslims lead good lives?' in RE. Additionally, we will focus on 'Changing Me' in PSHE sessions. We will also study Data Handling in Computing, learning how to create and edit spreadsheets. Furthermore, we will continue our Mini Police sessions, with a focus on crime prevention.

## Homework and Weekly Tests

Spellings will be given out on a Friday and the weekly spelling test will take place on the following Friday. Spelling practice can be accessed using Spelling Shed. Additionally, we expect children to access Times Table Rock Stars at least 4 times per week at home. Children should access the 'Garage' section of the website.

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 an adult evidences this in their reading diary.

## Lost Property

To cut down on the amount of lost property each term, please ensure all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled. This includes uniform, coats, lunch boxes and water bottles.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your co-operation throughout the year and we look forward to helping you support your child in making a successful transition to their next school. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you, or your child, have any concerns.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Lander, Mr Wibberley and Miss Rushton

**Moving Forward, Aiming High**