



Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Spring Term 2 at Newhall Junior School. We hope that the children are feeling refreshed after the break. We have been so impressed with their hard work and dedication so far throughout this year and we look forward to continuing to work hard this half term.

### **Curriculum**

This half term, we will be studying The Alpine Region (Geography), Types of Change (Science) and understanding 'How significant is it for Christians to believe God intended Jesus to die?' (RE). The children will be focusing on programming using Scratch in Computing, whilst we will be considering 'Healthy Me' in PSHE. In DT, we will be focusing on cooking and nutrition. In Maths lessons, we will be working on decimals and percentages, statistics and perimeter and area. We will be writing a monologue and flashback linked to The Last Bear by Hannah Gold and we will be writing a narrative and a character description linked to The Sleeper and the Spindle by Neil Gaiman. In Reading lessons, we will be continuing to study both fiction and non-fiction texts.

### **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.

### **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