



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to Spring Term 1 in Year 4 at Newhall Junior School. We hope that you had an enjoyable, peaceful Christmas and that the children are well rested. We are looking forward to continuing to work hard and make further progress this half term.

Curriculum

This term we will be asking 'How does water go round and round?' in Geography and studying 'Dangers to Living Things' in Science, whilst we will be focusing on 'Document Creation' using Publisher in Computing. In PSHE, we will be considering our Dreams and Goals' and asking 'How do Jewish beliefs, teachings and stories impact on daily life?' in RE. Football and dodgeball are our PE topics and the children will be focusing on 'Light and Dark' in our Art lessons. In Maths, we will explore 'Multiplication and Division', before moving onto 'Length and Perimeter'. We will write a persuasive letter based on plastic pollution and then write a character description and a retelling of a narrative based on our class book, The Legend of Podkin One-Ear by Kieran Larwood. We will continue to read a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts, linked to our Science and Geography topics, in Reading. 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 Monday and Friday. Monday'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 school's 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

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



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remind you that the children can access the Accelerated Reader quizzes from home too if they would like to.

Yours faithfully,
The Year 4 Team