



Newhall Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Spring Term 2 at Newhall Community 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 in preparation for the SATs assessments in May. We have lots to look forward to this half term in Year 6, ranging from World Book Day (with a Heroes and Villains theme), a visit from one of our favourite authors to Science Week. The Bikeability scheme will run again this year from Monday 11th - Friday 15th March. Please ask for another letter if you have not yet signed your child up to complete the course.

Curriculum

This half term, we will be reflecting on whether World War One or World War Two had a bigger impact on our local area in History. We will be considering 'Is Christianity still a strong religion 2,000 years after Jesus was on earth?' (RE) and how to 'Navigate the digital world' (DT). We will be learning how to use a 'green screen' in Computing in producing a report on a history topic from earlier in the year. Additionally, we will focus on what a 'Healthy Me' looks like in PSHE sessions, whilst also discussing the children's transition to secondary school. During Maths sessions, we will be studying angles, ratio and statistics. In Writing, we will be looking at the features of a biography and producing our own based on an iconic British figure.

PE

All three classes will have PE on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that children come to school ready for PE on their PE days. Children should be wearing their PE kit and have either removed their earrings or be able to take them out themselves, as the County Council stipulates that children wearing earrings cannot take part in PE and that covering them in tape is not allowed. Please refer to the school uniform list for details of the required kit.

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, as this feature will target specific times tables for your child. We will also complete Club 99 on a weekly basis.

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.

Yours faithfully,

The Year 6 Team

Mr Lander, Mr Wibberley, Miss Rushton, Miss Smith and Miss Morgan

Moving Forward, Aiming High