



Newhall Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Spring Term 1 in Year 5 at Newhall Community Junior School. We had an excellent term last year and the pupils worked very hard. This term we welcome Mrs Humayun who will be covering 5S for the remainder of the year.

Curriculum

This term we will be learning about the Vikings in History; Separating Mixtures in Science; Coding in Computing; Dreams and Goals in PHSE and Are Sikh stories important today? in RE. In our PE sessions, the pupils will be Swimming and taking part in Dance. During Maths, we will be covering multiplication and division; fractions and decimals and percentages. In writing we will be continuing with The Write Stuff approach and we will be completing poetry, a fantasy story and a letter.

PE

PE this term will be on a Wednesday. This session will be indoors where possible. Children should be wearing their school PE kit and we ask that parents please ensure this is in line with our 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 continue on Tuesday for 5I and 5S and a Friday for 5B. Swimming will be starting in week two and children must have their swimming kit and all long hair must be secured with either a swimming hat or tied up so none of it is loose.

Homework and Weekly Tests

Homework this year has been 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. Please can parents remind children that we are asking children to complete these activities 4 times per week. This will be monitored by class teachers to ensure participation. Spelling tests will be on a Wednesday afternoon and Club 99 will be on a Friday morning.

Lost Property

To cut down on the amount of lost property each term, please could you ensure all items 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 remind you that the children can access the Accelerated Reader quizzes from home too if they would like to.

Yours faithfully,

The Year 5 Team

