



NEWHALL JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Summer Term 1 in Year 4 at Newhall Junior School. We hope that your family had a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to working with the children for their final term in Year 4.

We will be celebrating 80 years since the end of the Second World War in May with an assembly and a visit from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. The children will also experience a virtual visit from the Natural History Museum on Friday 2nd May as part of our earthquakes and volcanoes learning. We will also hold a meeting on **Wednesday 14th May** with parents and carers to discuss the upcoming school residential trip to Gulliver's Valley.

Curriculum

This term we will be asking 'How does the Earth roll, rattle and shake?' in Geography and studying 'Changes of State' in Science. We will be creating a video trailer in our Computing sessions. In PSHE, we will be exploring building positive, healthy relationships and asking 'How does celebrating Shavuot help Jewish children feel closer to God?' in RE, as we focus on Judaism. Athletics and rounders are our PE topics and the children will be learning how to make pavilions in our DT lessons. In Maths, we will explore decimals, before moving onto money and time. In writing, we will write an internal monologue, a setting description and then write an alternative ending to our new class book, 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman. 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.





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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 4 Team

