



NEWHALL JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to Summer Term 1 in Year 3 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 3.

This half term, 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. Additionally, we are excited to be working with the Magic Attic, a Swadlincote-based history archive, on Wednesday 30th April as part of our local history study. We are also taking the children on a walk in the local area on Monday 28th April – please ensure children wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Finally, we are excited to be returning to **Calke Abbey** on **Wednesday 14th May** to highlight the importance of local history.

Curriculum

This term we will be considering 'Why is local history important?' in History and we will be exploring 'What Plants Need' in Science. We will be exploring programming in Computing, as we are introduced to coding through the use of Beebot. We will be exploring building positive, healthy relationships in PHSE and we will ask 'What do some deities tell Sanatanis about God?' in RE. Tennis and fundamentals (running, jumping, hopping and skipping) are our PE topics and the children will be constructing a castle in DT. In Maths, we will be focusing on fractions, before focusing on money and time. In writing, we will be writing a story opening and a diary entry based on 'The Wild Robot' by Peter Brown. 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 Wednesday and Thursday. Thursday'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 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 3 Team

