



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Summer Term 2 in Year 4 at Newhall Junior School, the final half term of the academic year. We have loved getting to know your children and we are so proud of the progress they have made throughout this year. We have just returned from the Year 4 residential and we are so proud of how the children conducted themselves whilst there.

This half term, we are excited to be holding Sports Week as we promote and celebrate the importance of teamwork and being active. During this week, children will be taking part in an Alice in Wonderland-themed dance workshop on Tuesday 17th June and **Sports Day** will be held at Shobnall Leisure Complex on **Wednesday 18th June**. We will be welcoming two Team GB athletes into school the following day to work with all three classes.

Curriculum

This term we will be asking 'How has Crime and Punishment changed over time' in History and studying 'Electricity in Science. We will be expanding our knowledge of programming through the use of the program 'Logo'. In PSHE, we will be learning how to cope positively with changes as part of our 'Changing Me' unit and asking 'Do people need to go to church to show they are Christians?' in RE, as we focus on Christianity. Tennis and cricket are our PE topics and the children will be learning how to make torches as part of our 'Electrical Systems' unit in DT. In Maths, we will conclude our learning on time before moving onto shape and statistics. In writing, we will write a newspaper report based on 'Lights on Cotton Rock' and we will then write a series of fiction pieces based on our class book, 'The Land of Roar' by Jenny McLachlan. We will continue to read a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts, linked to our Science and History 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



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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 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

