

Newhall Primary Academy and Nursery – Half-termly Curriculum Overview

Half Term Spring 1 Year Group 5

English	Mathematics	Science
In English this half term we will be reading 'The fastest Boy in the World' by Elizabeth Laird. We will be looking at describing the setting of Ethiopia including similes, metaphors and expanded noun phrases to create an image for the reader. The children will be writing a diary for the point of view of the main character. They will be thinking about how the character is feeling, thinking about using more ambitious verbs and adverbs. Finally, the children will be writing a poem around the theme of running, looking at rhyme.	Next half term we will be learning about multiplication. We will begin multiplying 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers and then revisiting our unit on fractions. As part of this we will be building upon our prior understanding of fractions and moving onto learning different strategies we can use for the multiplication of fractions. In the final few weeks, Year 5 will be recapping on place value and applying this knowledge to decimals by both using place value charts and different methods of ordering these numbers.	Next half term year 5 will being exploring Earth and Space. While our feet will remain on the ground, our eyes will be looking up towards the rest of the solar system. We will recall the order of the planets in the solar system and better understand their movements in relations to each other and the sun.
History	Art & Design	Computing
In history this half term we will be learning all about the Greeks. As part of this Topic the children will learn all about who the ancient Greeks were, what the culture was like in Ancient Greece. We will compare the lives of Athenians and Spartans, understand how the Olympic Games began and understand democracy and philosophy and its role in today's society.	This half term in art we are looking at sculptures from ancient Greece. The children will learn different sculpting techniques including folding, twisting and spirals. They will then create Greek urns and decorate them using patterns and paints to create vibrant work similar to these ancient masterpieces.	The children will continue to look at databases and spread sheets. At the start of the half term, the children will be continuing to focus on how we read a database and answering questions based on the information. Then children will collect data about the class and look at different ways in which they can present the findings.
Music	PE	PSHE
This half term we will be focusing on singing and playing music in different styles from around the world. We will also be thinking about the tempo and how it changes.	In PE this half term we are looking at dance and netball. The children will look at passing techniques and shooting skills. Then the children will look at how to work as a team and tactics for team playing. The children will then look at dance and travelling. The children will work as a team and create simple sequences inspired by the Haka and will evaluate each other's routines.	This half term in PSHE the children will be looking at dreams and goals. The children will look at different jobs and think about what jobs they would like to do when they are older. We will then consider how they might to get there and what path they will need to take. We will also think about other dreams which they children would like to complete and create stepping stones into helping get there.
RE	French	Key Information for Half-term
We will be inquiring into the Santani belief regarding the belief that Brahman can be everywhere and everything. In this enquiry, the children look at the Sanatani belief that we all have a part of Brahman within us. They will consider how this belief could impact on their lives and the choices they make.	In French the children are looking at the weather. They will learn to describe the weather and to also present a weather forecaster pretending to be on television. Doing this will link the weather vocabulary with map work, compass points and general geography.	Library days will remain Monday for Birch and Tuesday for Cedar. PE days will be on Thursdays and Mondays for both classes. Please encourage your child to have their PE kit in each day.