



Newhall Primary Academy and Nursery – Half-termly Curriculum Overview

Half Term	Spring 1	Year Group	Reception
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Communication and Language	Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Physical Development
Turn taking games Learning new vocabulary Story telling To start forming sentences for writing Using connectives Listen to and talk about stories, retelling these with our friends Jigsaw – communicating effectively to others Show and tell – bring in your favourite book from home Helicopter stories	Talking about kindness and friendship Developing problem solving skills Becoming more confident to perform in front of others (class assemblies) To explain how they feel to others – Jigsaw Talking about our dreams and goals Aspirations To know communicate effectively to our friends Stay motivated when doing something challenging Keep trying even when it is difficult Work well with a partner or in a group Have a positive attitude Working hard to achieve their own dreams and goals	Gymnastics Climbing on the climbing frame/climbing wall Cutting skills (fine motor skills) Bikes and scooter practice (gross motor skills) Using tripod grip pencil skills Thinking about posture when sitting To be able to get changed independently To tie shoelaces independently To be able to zip up their coat
Literacy	Maths	Understanding the World
RWI phonics daily Key books – Little Red Riding Hood, 3 Billy Goats, Elves and the Shoemaker, Jack and the Beanstalk Listening skills – auditory games Hearing sounds in words Sounding out words using Fred fingers to pinch the sounds onto (CVC words) Using finger spaces when writing phrases/sentences Letter formation and handwriting Comprehension of stories through re telling stories and to create their own stories thinking about the characters and setting. Story stones What is a Fairytale? Features of Fairytales Settings Repeated Refrains Story Starters	Counting to 50 (Jack Hartmann song) Representing numbers to 8 Ordering numbers to 8 Number formation 1-8 Subitising to 8 Spatial reasoning Shapes One more and one less to 8 by instant recall and using objects Doubles and halves (1-8) Capacity Mass Length Height Time Odd and even numbers	Changing seasons Chinese New Year Learning about Chinese culture Traditional foods in China Food tasting Exploring Prawn crackers. Where is China in the world? Traditional clothes Learning about wolves Growing and planting Learning about different settings in stories Building Around the world

Expressive Arts and Design	Key Information for Half-term	
<p>Chalk pictures Monet style art Charanga - Wind The Bobbin Up, Rock-a-bye Baby, Five Little Monkeys Jumping On The Bed, Twinkle Twinkle, If You're Happy And You Know It, Head, Shoulders, Knees And Toes Acting out stories Weaving baskets Once upon a story role play Dragon dancing Story Box Home Presentation Chinese Restaurant Building Bridges</p>	<p>Our topic – Once upon a story</p> <p>All homework to be found on Teams. Your child will be sent homework every night to complete at home to support their learning</p> <p>Class Assemblies Cherry Class 12th February 2025 Willow 5th February 2025</p>	