

Newhall Primary Academy and Nursery – Half-termly Curriculum Overview

Half Term Spring 1 Year Group 2

English	Mathematics	Science
Lost Happy Endings This half term we are going to be focusing on fairy tales, through this the children will be learning about lots of different fairy tales and the different versions of fairy tales. Children will focus on Hansel and Gretel and re-write their own fractured fairy-tale, changing elements of the story. We then move on to the thought-provoking book 'Lost Happy Endings' where the children will also be having a go at writing a newspaper report with key witness statements and slogans. History Extraordinary Explorers During Spring 1 our focus is history, looking at extraordinary explorers. We will learn about the significance of Neil Armstrong and Mathew Henson We will use different sources and artefacts to find out information. Then we will compare where the explorers are from and look at the significance this had on the expeditions.	Money / Multiplication and Division The children will start recognising coins and notes and progress to working out change. After we have looked at money the children will move on to learning about division and multiplication. The children will look at arrays, making equal and unequal groups as well as learning the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We will then work on applying these number facts to multiplication and division problems. Design & Technology Wonderful World of Wool This half term we are going to be exploring the 'Wonderful World or Wool' during this topic the children will explore where wool comes from and the processes that take place before we use it. They will be making felt and using it to create their own purses.	Material Properties - Building a Playhouse In this unit children will build on their knowledge of using materials for a purpose of what it is most suited for. They will explore how materials are chosen for a specific purpose and uses as well as investigate alternative ways the same material can be used. Children will be able to identify transparent, translucent, opaque, reflective, and windproof materials. Computing Spreadsheets In computing this half term, we will be learning about spreadsheets and how they help record information in a clear way. Children will be taught how to use a database to answer more complex search questions and be able to use the search tool to find information,
Music	PE	PSHE
Inventing a Musical Story This half term in music will be focusing on how music is used for many reasons and can help us to tell a story and express our feelings. Music can be loud or soft, fast, or slow, smooth, and connected, or short and detached. We can also use instruments with different sounds to help communicate a story and different emotions. Children will explore music and try to connect their feelings with what they hear and answer 'Do any of the songs tell a story?'	In PE we will be focusing on: Gymnastics - Spinning, turning and twisting. Invasion game skills - Master basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching, as well as developing balance, agility and co-ordination, and begin to apply these in a range of activities. Participate in team games, developing simple tactics for attacking and defending.	Dreams and Goals In PSHE the children will be learning about the importance of setting goals, why goals are important and how to break down the steps to achieving these goals to make them reachable. The children will also be exploring how external influences can have an impact on their ability to reach these goals.
RE	Key Information for Half-term	
Islam- Who is God to Muslims? 99 Names of Allah In this unit, Children will look at what Muslims think about Allah and why he is so special to them. They will understand meanings of, and the attributes shown by the 99 names of Allah and how a Muslim may want to show respect to these.	 PE days will be Mondays and Wednesdays. Please ensure your child has a full labelled PE kit in school. We ask that reading books are to be brought into school every day. Please ensure all jumpers/cardigans and bottles are labelled. We visit the library and change books on a Thursday. Children will receive spelling homework each week which is accessible on TEAMS and children have weekly spelling quizzes which takes place the following week on a Friday. All of your children's logins are located in the front of their homework books. Children taking home accelerated reader books will have one accelerated reader quiz to complete online at home each week. 	