



## Newhall Primary Academy and Nursery – Half-termly Curriculum Overview

Half Term	Spring 1	Year Group	6
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English	Mathematics	Science
<p>This half term we are reading the book 'Tell Me No Lies' by Malorie Blackman. This powerful and emotive book promises to capture and engage the children on a variety of levels.</p> <p>The half term will be split up into two-week units where the children will be revising the grammatical techniques they have learnt across Year 5 and Year 6 and applying them to their extended pieces of writing. The first being a recount, the second being an emotive letter and the third being a description of an event.</p>	<p>In maths this half term we will be building on our understanding of division and number by applying these skills to ratio questions. There will be a strong push on times tables throughout this half term to ensure that, where possible, the children will be able to answer questions mentally whilst maintaining accuracy. The children will have their first experience of algebra and will be applying this knowledge to a range of different question types.</p>	<p>This half term the children will learn to describe the classification of microorganisms, plants and animals and the system created by Carl Linnaeus. The children will build on their ability to explain how the characteristics of different animals feeds into their classification and then apply this into branching classification where the smallest details will need to be focused on. The children will then be using their knowledge of the different species to ensure that our grasslands are as diverse as possible.</p>
History	Art & Design	Computing
<p>In history this half term, Year 6 will be studying the Maya. Within the unit we will be exploring what the Maya looked like and what the fashions were at the time. We will be learning about their beliefs and which gods and goddesses they believed in. The Maya settlements are particularly interesting and we will be researching why so few were found and why those ones that were found were left empty.</p>	<p>Our focus artist is Andy Warhol and the children will begin the unit by creating a block print self-portrait. The children will build on their current skills and use feedback from peers and their developing understanding to continuously work towards a final art piece that will be displayed in class.</p>	<p>In computing the children will be learning about blogs. The children will look at different blogs and the features included and eventually create and write their own blog post on Purple Mash. Within this we will be discussing the features that are appropriate to include within these blogs.</p>
Music	PE	PSHE
<p>In music the children will be learning the song, A New Year Carol (The music of Benjamin Britten). Within the unit they will be discussing and exploring the style indicators they can hear, the structure of the piece, the instruments/voices within the song and the mood of the story told through the song. They will be learning to clap some of the rhythms used in the song and the musical phrases in the song.</p>	<p>This half term in PE, the children will be continuing with dance, looking at sequencing, rhythm, pathway and direction.</p> <p>The children will also be taking part in netball lessons looking at different passing techniques including chest pass and shoulder pass. The children will also look at intercepting and outwitting the partner thinking about space when attacking and defending. Finally, the children will tie this altogether in a game of netball.</p>	<p>In this unit the children will be thinking about their own strengths and how they can further stretch themselves by setting challenging and realistic goals. They will discuss the learning steps they'll need to take as well as talking about how to stay motivated. The children will explore various global issues and explore places where people may be suffering or living in difficult situations. Whilst doing this, they will reflect on their own emotions linked to this learning. The class will also talk about what they think their classmates like and admire about them as well as working on giving others praise and compliments.</p>

RE	French	Key Information for Half-term
<p>In spring 1 the children will be learning about Christianity and within his unit they will be questioning the concept of the word, 'eternal'. The children will be exploring whether they believe anything ever lasts forever and if so, what. The children will be exploring what love really means and what affects the levels of love we have for a person or thing.</p>	<p>This half term, the children in Year 6 will be learning to name common verbs in French. They will build on their understanding of number by learning to count to 20. They will be learning valuable French that they can use when abroad for example, how to order food and drink for breakfast in a cafe using the verb 'Je Peux' and say how they are feeling. We will begin the unit by recapping some basic greetings from Year 5.</p>	<p>The children will have PE lessons on a Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure they have PE Kit in school on those days.</p> <p>The children will visit the Library on a Monday; please ensure they bring books in everyday to read and enjoy while at school.</p> <p>Homework will be set and marked every Wednesday. The children will have a maths booklet to complete, a grammar worksheet, spellings, Accelerated Reader tests and TTRS. Spellings will be tested on a Wednesday.</p>