



NEWHALL
PRIMARY ACADEMY

Half-termly Curriculum Overview

Half Term	Autumn 1	Year Group	R
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Communication and Language	Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Physical Development
Where I live/ How I get to school Who is in my family / Family tree The Invisible string – where do my family live? Speech bubbles about their family Communicating my needs at school Turn taking games Headband game – asking and answering questions Chatterbox bags – talking about my likes and dislikes	World mental health day #helloyellow Colour monster – all about our feelings Chatterbox bags – sharing with our friends Our aspirations Our birthdays Healthy foods Sugar content in drinks Explore the classroom environment. Learn daily routines and expectations. Zones of regulation - Feelings check-in board. Read stories about emotions.	Playdough disco (fine motor skills) Co-ordination - balancing, throwing, catching, bouncing Learning about our body Body functions Body part names
Literacy	Maths	Understanding the World
Mark making Starting RWI phonics programme Speech bubbles about their family Letter formation Writing name Initial sounds/ blending Listening skills – auditory games Draw a picture of their family and talk about it Write or make marks in speech bubbles Circle time discussions about families and starting school Show and tell sessions Talking partner activities	Sorting into groups Comparing amounts Making and recognising patterns Counting Counting song Jack Hartman Kandinsky circles Size Comparing capacity and mass	History of houses Colour mixing experiment Days of the week Discuss homes and local surroundings Create a family tree Share photos of family members and discuss who they are Learn about community helpers (doctors, firefighters, teachers, police officers) Compare baby photos with current photos Seasons of the year Autumn walk around the school grounds Collect leaves, conkers, and sticks

Expressive Arts and Design	Key Information for Half-term	
Van Gogh/ Picasso self portraits Drawing families Construction – what does my house look like? What materials are my house made from? Mosaic art Kandinsky circles	Tuesday 29th September 2026 - 5:00pm Phonics Information Meeting for Parents Join us to learn more about how phonics is taught in Reception and how you can support your child with their reading journey at home.	
Charanga – Me! Pat-a-cake, the name song, 1,2,3,4,5, This old man, 5 little ducks Jack Hartman (maths songs)	Parents' Evening Meeting slots will be available to book closer to the time. Further information will be sent via email. Tuesday 20th October 2026 3:30pm - 7:00pm Thursday 22nd October 2026 3:30pm - 6:00pm These meetings are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and celebrate their achievements since starting Reception	