NEWHALL
PRIMARY ACADEMY

Half-termly Curriculum Overview

Half Term	Autumn 2	Year Group	6

English	Mathematics	Science
This half term during reading lessons we will be reading Goodnight Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian. The children will be writing poetry based on the experiences of evacuees, narratives based on a story called Rose Blanche by Ian McEwan and newspaper reports. There will be a strong focus on grammar.	This half term in maths the children will be learning about fractions. The children will learn how to add and subtract fractions, find equivalent fractions and convert between mixed numbers and improper fractions. Following from this the children will then learn to multiply and divide fractions.	This half term in science, our topic is *What Flows Around Goes Around*, where children will be exploring the fascinating systems of the human body. We'll be focusing on the circulatory system; how blood travels, the role of the heart, and how our organs work together to keep us alive and healthy. As part of this learning journey, pupils will have the opportunity to perform a heart dissection, helping them gain a deeper understanding of its structure and function in a hands-on, engaging way.
History	**Design & Technology**	**Computing**
In history this half term, the children will be studying World War II, with a particular focus on life on the home front. They will explore how propaganda was used to influence public opinion and boost morale during the war. The children will also look at the vital role women played during this time, both on the home front and in industry. Additionally, they will learn about the significance of VE Day and how it marked the end of the war in Europe. The children will also explore how industry adapted to support the war effort and its long-lasting impacts.	Lucienne Day is our focus person this half term as we delve into the world of textiles. During this half term we will be exploring how furniture has changed over the centuries especially with regards to the materials used to both stuff and cover them for comfort. At the end of this unit the children will be making their own cushions and evaluating the success of them.	Online safety is the first focus of the second half of the autumn term. The children will recap what they should and shouldn't share online. The children will be reminded that we behave and speak online as we would to someone in real life. For the second half of the half term the children will learn how to use spreadsheets to input data and use simple formulas to calculate totals of amounts.

Music	PE	PSHE
In music we will be looking at three different songs My Best Friend (Soul), Singing Swinging (Jazz: Swing) and Roll Alabama (Rock). We will be using these songs to explore and replicate the different structures and forms. The focus of this unit is also to consider how music benefits people in lots of different ways but in particular how it connects us with out own unique pasts.	In PE this half term then children will be focusing on dance and gymnastics. In dance the children will create a 32 or 64 count dance inspired by World War II. The children will focus on choreographing their own routines demonstrating the planes flying in the sky, troops charging and cannons firing through dance. Within gymnastics the children will focus on creating routines involving rolls, jumps, apparatus and elements of mirroring their partner's work.	In PSHE we are learning about acceptance of others that are different. As part of this journey, we will begin by looking at the perception people have on 'normal' and unpicking these ideas. We will be exploring the impact disabilities can have on a person's life from day-to-day challenges. We will explain ways in which difference can be a source of conflict and a cause for celebration.
RE	**French**	**Key Information for Half-term**
Do Christian celebrations and traditions help Christians understand who Jesus was and why he was born? Is our RE enquiry question for this half term. Within this unit the children will look at some important Christian events and biblical stories. They will understand why they are significant to Christians and the message they share. Finally the children will relate the learning to their own lives and think about how they celebrate important events and people in life and if it has a link or meaning to the person they are remembering.	This half term in French the children will be learning about verbs. In this purely grammar-based unit pupils will learn how to conjugate regular verbs. They will learn the terminology and patterns involved in regular whole verb conjugation. Pupils will learn how to conjugate the four key high frequency irregular verbs 'to have', 'to be', 'to do' and 'to go'. They will learn the terminology and patterns involved in irregular whole verb conjugation.	This year the children will have PE lessons on a Monday and Thursday. The children will visit the Library on a Friday; please ensure they bring books in everyday to read and enjoy while at school. Homework will be set and marked every Friday. The children will have a Maths book to complete and Grammar or Reading questions set weekly. Spellings, Accelerated Reader tests and TTRS should be practised weekly. Spellings will be tested on a Friday.