NEWHALL
PRIMARY ACADEMY

# Half-termly Curriculum Overview

| Half Term | Autumn 2 | Year Group | Year R |
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| Communication and Language | Personal, Social and Emotional Development | Physical Development |
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| This half term in Communication and Language, we will be working on developing the children's ability to communicate their needs at school and build their confidence when interacting with others. We will be playing a range of turn-taking games to support listening, attention and social communication skills. Through Chatterbox Bags, children will have opportunities to talk about their likes and dislikes, helping them to express their thoughts and share information about themselves.<br>Our topic this half term is Space. We will be exploring what can be found in space and the planet we live on. Children will develop their descriptive language by talking about the different planets and their features. We will also be learning about the Solar System and discovering the planets that orbit the Sun. | Through circle times, stories and class discussions, children will learn about kindness, friendship and respecting others, helping them to build positive relationships with their peers. They will develop important social skills such as sharing, taking turns, using good manners, listening to others and helping those around them. We will also take part in Children in Need, helping children understand how they can show care and support for others. Throughout the term, children will learn to recognise and talk about a range of feelings and emotions, developing simple strategies to manage these effectively and understand how their actions can affect others. This will support children in becoming confident, resilient and caring members of the school community. | This half term in Physical Development, we will be focusing on developing both fine and gross motor skills through a range of practical and engaging activities. Children will take part in Dough Disco sessions to strengthen the muscles in their hands and fingers, supporting their fine motor development and early writing skills. We will also be practising cutting skills to improve hand control and coordination.<br>To develop gross motor skills, children will have opportunities to improve their balance, coordination and control through activities such as balancing, throwing, catching and bouncing. In addition, we will be going on walks to the local post box, helping children to develop their stamina, road safety awareness and understanding of the local community. |
| **Literacy** | **Maths** | **Understanding the World** |
| This half term, children will enjoy a range of space-themed stories including *Imani's Moon*, *Look Up!*, *Whatever Next!*, *Man on the Moon*, *Aliens Love Underpants*, *Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me*, *Santa Needs a Wee* and *The Nativity*. Through these texts, children will develop their listening, understanding and retelling skills. | This half term, children will develop their number knowledge and confidence through a range of practical and engaging activities. We will enjoy counting to 20 using the Jack Hartmann counting songs and continue to build confidence with number recognition. Children will learn to represent and identify numbers to 5, order numbers to 5 and practise correct number formation. | This half term in Understanding the World, we will be learning about Space, including Earth, the Moon, the Sun and the planets in our Solar System. Children will learn about astronauts and the first Moon landing. We will also be observing the changing seasons as we move from autumn into winter and learning about our local community through visits to the post office and discussions about |

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| Children will take part in auditory listening games and activities to develop their phonological awareness. They will practise hearing and identifying initial sounds in words and continue to build their blending and segmenting skills by sounding out CVC words using Fred Fingers. Children will be encouraged to write words, labels, captions and simple sentences linked to our learning, remembering to use finger spaces between words. We will also continue to focus on correct letter formation, handwriting and writing their names independently with increasing confidence | We will focus on subitising numbers to 5, helping children to recognise small quantities without counting. Children will also develop their spatial reasoning skills through puzzles, construction and shape activities, exploring and talking about the properties of 2D shapes. We will learn about one more and one less than numbers to 5 and begin an introduction to doubles, focusing on doubles within 5. Through practical games and hands-on resources, children will be encouraged to explain their mathematical thinking and use number vocabulary confidently. | postal services. As part of our celebrations topic, we will learn about Guy Fawkes, Christmas and The Nativity Story, helping children to develop an understanding of important events and traditions. |
| **Expressive Arts and Design** | **Key Information for Half-term** | |
| This half term, children will explore their creativity through a range of space and seasonal themed activities. They will create moon pictures and learn how to develop artwork in stages by creating a background, foreground and main image. Children will explore the work of artist **Vincent Van Gogh**, focusing on *The Starry Night*, and use this as inspiration for their own artwork. They will also create chalk firework pictures and take part in role play activities, imagining journeys into space on a rocket.<br>Children will design and make their own rockets and space puppets, as well as enjoy learning and performing songs including **The Planet Song** and **The Christmas Nativity**. In music, children will develop their listening skills by exploring beat, pulse and rhythm through singing, movement and percussion instruments. They will be encouraged to express their ideas, use their imagination and share their creations with others. | **Our topic – To infinity and beyond!**<br>Virtual Reality goggles – going to space<br>Alien Day – dates to be confirmed<br>Wonderdome – 10th November<br>Post box walk – dates to be confirmed<br>Christmas Jumper Day – 16th December<br>Panto coming into school – 8th December<br><br>**<u>Reception Nativity</u>**<br>Cherry class- 15th December 9am<br>Willow class- 16th December 9am<br><br>All homework will continue to be emailed home until we have access to Teams for parents. | |