



Nether Green Junior School

## Half termly curriculum newsletter Y3-6CB Spring 2

### Last Half Term

We had a fantastic start to the year, with lots of fun activities and visits happening across school.

Well done to our Y3 superstars for such a fantastic performance to the whole school!

Y4 have loved joining in with their Roman topic, and learning about Pompeii.

Y5 enjoyed art this half term; creating perspective drawing and watercolour painting linked to the Golden Age of Islam.

Y6 had a brilliant residential visit to Robinwood, and also enjoyed joining zoolab!

The IR children have enjoyed welcoming peers into the IR for various interventions, and are really starting to develop friendships throughout school.

A further highlight has been wheelchair basketball – a sport that was completely new to all of us, and a really fantastic day out!

### PE

PE days are as follows:

Y3BB – Tuesday & Thursday

Y3MC – Thursday & Friday

Y4JH – Thursday & Friday

Y5JE – Tuesday & Wednesday

Y5KB – Wednesday & Thursday

Y6OS – Tuesday & Friday

IR – Monday & Friday

Please ensure that your child has an appropriate change of clothing for PE, including a school PE t-shirt and trainers. We will still be trying to get outside for PE if the weather allows so the children may wish to bring a hoodie to wear outside. They will also need to have long hair tied back and all jewellery must be removed.

### Additional requests:

- Please ensure that your child's coat and lose items are labelled.
- We also have snack time each morning. Please send your child with a snack and labelled drinks bottle. We do offer fruit each day.
- Whilst we know that some children need the comfort of bringing toys in from home, if possible, please refrain from sending large toys or objects into school. As we are working on sharing, it can be a little tricky to keep these items safe!

### Key dates for the year

Swimming is starting again each Monday afternoon; commencing Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February for five weeks.

Please see year group newsletter for specific events linking to your child's year group.

### Contact

Please speak to a member of the team, or contact the IR team via email; [ir@nethergreen-jun.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:ir@nethergreen-jun.sheffield.sch.uk)

We also use the Evidence for Learning (E4L) app, where we will send photos of your child's school day. You are more than welcome to respond to these, or upload your own photos

**Life Skills** - How bodies change as we get older.

Next half term, we will be focusing on:

- Naming and labelling parts of the body.
- Understanding why our bodies change.
- Understanding what our bodies might look like.

Our RHE lessons are taught weekly, and our children will be split into age-appropriate groups. We will also separate the groups into boys and girls.

This is to ensure that we are only focusing on the body changes of our own bodies, and what this might look like.

Please support your child at home with these discussions, as it can be a confusing concept to understand.

### **Science**

Science this half term has been focusing on living things and their habitats; looking more specifically at life cycles.

Next half term, we will be focusing on the digestive system and teeth. Within this, we will be identifying the key parts of our digestive system and labelling these accordingly.

We will also look at labelling our teeth, and discussing ways of how to look after these properly.

### **English and Maths**

Each child has a bespoke lesson plan in order to meet individual targets. Birmingham toolkit is used for this in the areas of; Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening and Maths. Locke and Beech profile, and the EYFS curriculum is used for some of our children; who require a further breakdown of steps. We also work on pencil control and letter formation daily.

We ensure that all children receive carefully planned intervention to support with their learning; including phonics, Lego therapy, and various speech and language interventions. Any additional targets are completed throughout the day, or on a 1:1 basis during target time.

### **Home learning**

For those integrating, home learning can be sent home each Friday. Please speak to a member of the IR team, or your child's other class teacher if you would like this sending home. A description of the task will be in each child's home learning book and in most cases, home learning is to be completed in the homework book.

Other activities to complete could be:

- Timestable Rockstars (passwords have been sent)
- Reading
- Spellings

We also hope to develop as much independence as possible. This could be taught through cooking, cleaning and self-care.