



Newlands Class Information
Church Walk CE Primary School
Summer 1 2022

Literacy

Our work this half term will focus on rainforests. We will start by writing non-chronological reports on rainforest animals, create persuasive texts on the impact of deforestation, leading into a debate. Daily spelling, punctuation and grammar sessions will take place, as will weekly guided reading and handwriting sessions.

Reading

Children will need to continue to change reading books when they come in to school in the mornings. This may be every day or every few days depending on the length of the book. **Please read and discuss books with your child as often as possible at home. Even fluent readers benefit from someone listening to them read. Please make sure reading records are updated regularly at home and are in school every day.**

Maths

Daily arithmetic sessions will help the children to develop their mental maths and arithmetic abilities.

Maths lessons will focus on fractions, decimals, time, position and direction. Children will have the opportunity to apply their learning in regular problem-solving activities.

Please continue to support your child at home with regular learning of times tables. Remember to use TT Rockstars and Purple Mash as additional learning resources at home.

Science

In science we will be finding out about living things and their habitats. We will look closely at animals in rainforest habitats, and we will also explore our local habitats, sorting and classifying the animals we find.

Computing

This half term we will be completing challenges on spreadsheets and learning about animation.

Children can continue to develop their programming skills at home using Scratch

http://scratch.mit.edu/scratch_1.4/ and on Purple Mash.

P.E.

In games we will be developing athletics skills. In gym we will complete our work on hand apparatus before moving on to create dance movements around the theme of machines.

Please make sure your child has the following items in school every day, and that they are the correct size:

Black pumps, black shorts and red school P.E T shirt. Trainers for outdoor games are optional.

A lot of the P.E session can be spent sorting out spare kit when children do not have the right P.E equipment and staff have to find replacements.



Geography

Our geography work will focus on the island of St. Lucia and South America. We will find out about climates, biomes, weather, landscape, what it is like to live there, trade, tourism and sustainability. We will compare our findings to our locality.

Art

This half term in art we will be using different materials to create rainforest collages.

Music

Learning will be focused around one song: Stop! - a rap/song about bullying. We will learn about the interrelated dimensions of music through games, singing and composing.

PSHCE

PSHCE this half term will focus on healthy lifestyles, including oral and dental care, a balanced lifestyle and medicines.

Mrs Rigg will also be delivering the Kidsafe Programme to Newlands class. This will follow on from the topics covered in the infants. Themes will include online safety and cyber bullying, the death of a pet, coping with peer pressure and strategies to use when feeling angry.

R.E

In R.E. this half term, we will be looking at the stories of the Creation and the Fall from the book of Genesis in The Bible. Children will explore the Jewish and Christian perspective and discuss what they think is important to them regarding the natural world and our role in caring for it. They will explore the role of Adam and Eve and discuss temptation.

French

In French we will continue with shopping and vocabulary associated with it. Children will learn how to ask for items in various shops and how much they are.

Homework

Children will receive homework every Thursday. This might be in the homework book, on Teams or on Purple Mash. **It must be handed in by the following Tuesday at the latest, to allow for marking. If returned after this, it may not be marked before the next piece of homework goes out.**

Spellings will go home every Tuesday - the test will usually be the following Tuesday.

Residential trip

On the 3rd and 4th May, Year 4 will be taking part in their residential trip to Castlehead. Please make sure any outstanding contributions are sent to the office by Friday 29th April.