



**Newlands Class Information**  
**Church Walk CE Primary School**  
**Summer 1 2024**

**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**

In computing we will be making music using technology. Children will discuss and experiment with the main elements of music and make their own composition. We will also be focusing on animation, creating simple and more complex animations using 2Animate on Purple Mash.

**Children can continue to develop their programming skills at home using The Hour of Code, Scratch [http://scratch.mit.edu/scratch\\_1.4/](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 be focusing on patterns and pathways and using hand apparatus.

**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.**



## 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.

## PSHE

PSHE 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 key stage 1.

## R.E

This term we will be exploring a unit called Rules for Living. We will listen to stories from the Old Testament including The Fall and Moses and the Burning Bush. We will think about why rules were important and how the Ten Commandments are important to Jews and Christians.

We will then look at how Jesus shared his teachings and how Christians in modern times are influenced by them.

## French

In French we will continue with shopping and vocabulary associated with it. We will also look at telling the time in French.

## 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.