



**Newlands Class Information**  
**Church Walk CE Primary School**  
**Spring 1 2018**

Happy New Year!

**Literacy**

Our literacy work will be closely linked to our topic on the Romans. We will start by looking at the features of newspapers, leading on to writing our own based on the Roman invasions of Britain. After, we will write stories for shadow puppets that we are making in technology, based on the legend of Romulus and Remus. 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 morning. 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 Big Maths sessions will help the children to develop their mental maths abilities.

Maths lessons will focus solving problems, multiplication and division, fractions and telling the time.

**Please continue to support your child at home with regular learning of times tables and other 'learn-its' which will be put in homework books.**

**Science**

In science we will be thinking about light. We will explore light sources, shadows, mirrors and reflection, sun safety. We will plan and carry out fair test investigations.

**Computing**

This half term we will be developing our understanding of internet safety, and we will be learning how to use a data logger to record light levels. Many other aspects of computing such as word processing, research and using typing skills will be explored through other subjects.

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

**[http://scratch.mit.edu/scratch\\_1.4/](http://scratch.mit.edu/scratch_1.4/)**



## **P.E.**

In gymnastics we will be focusing on the key steps gymnastic skills, with Mrs Hartley from UVHS.

Swimming will take place every Thursday of the spring term. A contribution of £2 per week will help cover transport costs.

In addition, Newlands will be taking part in the UVHS dance platform this half term, and will have 4 sessions with Louise Walton to practise their dance. Further details will be sent out in due course.

**P.E will take place every Tuesday and Thursday. Please make sure your child has the following items in school every day:**

**Black pumps, black shorts, red school PE shirt.**

## **History**

Key events and the influence of the Romans will be explored through artefacts, evidence and historical enquiry. We will explore life in Roman times, the attempted invasions of Julius Caesar, discover how the Roman Empire impacted on Britain, and find out about the army, soldiers and Hadrian's Wall.

## **Geography**

To support our history work we will be identifying the location of Italy. We will compare Italy in Roman times to Italy now, by researching modern Italian culture and the physical geography of the country.

## **Art**

To link with science, in art and design technology this term we will be designing and making shadow puppets. The children will learn about appropriate joins, use tools and evaluate their work.

## **Music**

Music lessons will provide opportunities to develop skills in rhythm and pulse, tempo, use of patterns, repetition and contrast in music. We will listen to and appraise 'Pictures at an Exhibition', by the 19<sup>th</sup> century composer Mussorgsky. Singing will take place on a daily basis in the classroom. We will develop understanding of musical notation.

## **French**

In French we will be focusing on actions, colours and clothes, as well as revising all learning from last term.



## RE

This half term the children will learn about Christian worship and compare this to worship within other religions.

## PHSE

The children will explore and discuss setting and achieving goals and the qualities needed to achieve different goals.

## Homework

Children will continue to receive Maths and English homework every Thursday. **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.**

## Requests

If you have any photos, artefacts, books etc on the Romans or Italy, please bring them.

We will be making Roman shields so please keep any large pieces of cardboard for us to use.