

Newlands Class Information
Mrs Clark and Mrs Whipple
Church Walk CE Primary School
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Welcome back! We have lots of exciting things planned for this half term.

Literacy

This half term our focus will be on stories. We will be exploring books by the author Anthony Browne, looking carefully at the illustrations and using the characters to inspire drama and writing tasks. We will then create our own stories through the process of planning, writing and editing. After this, we will be researching, and writing reports on the daily life of Anglo-Saxons. 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 at least 3 times a week. 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 on place value of numbers, addition and subtraction. Children will have the opportunity to apply their learning in regular problem solving activities. **Please also support your child at home with learning of times tables.**

Science

In science we will be learning about electricity including, sources of electricity, investigating circuits and how these can be altered to change the brightness of bulbs, loudness of buzzers etc. We will also learn about conductors and insulators.

History

We will be exploring the Anglo-Saxon time period in Britain through historical enquiry, timelines, artefacts, drama and other evidence. We will investigate when and why the Anglo-Saxons came to Britain, what life was like in a typical settlement and daily life at this time.

Geography

Geography work will link in with the History topic on Anglo-Saxons. We will identify reasons for migration over time, looking at maps of Europe and the world. The focus will then move onto settlements - identification on maps, exploring reasons for settlement choices, and finding out about place name origins. We will compare the features and situation of Ulverston as a settlement to other places.

P.E.

In outdoor P.E we will be developing skills in invasion games. In gymnastics we will be exploring patterns and pathways.



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

Black pumps, black shorts, school PE T-shirt. Trainers for outdoor games are optional.

R.E.

In R.E. we will be learning about rites of passage and their importance in Christian and Jewish religions.

Technology

To link with our science topic, we will be investigating, designing, making and evaluating torches.

Art

To link with our research on Anglo-Saxon daily life, we will be designing and making jewellery in an Anglo-Saxon style, using the materials they might have used.

Music

The children will develop their skills of rhythm, pulse, pitch, tempo, ostinato and timbre through singing and use of instruments.

French

In French, Year 3 children will be learning greetings, basic commands, how to introduce themselves and numbers to 20. Year 4 children will consolidate their learning from last year, and will also learn numbers to 30 and members of the family. They will start to practise more written French phrases.

Computing

This half term we will be using floor robots, Scratch and Pureflow to investigate algorithms. We will also be thinking about online safety. Many other aspects of computing such as word processing, research and using typing skills will be developed through other subjects.

P.S.H.C.E

Through group work and class discussion, the class will establish our class charter and explore the theme of New Beginnings.

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

We would be grateful if you could lend us/ help collect the following:

Books on Anglo-Saxons and Vikings

Stories by Anthony Browne

Natural materials that could be useful for making jewellery

Audio CD stories

Working torches

Kitchen roll tubes & Pringles tubes (for making torches)

Twinkles is Newlands' class pet. Each Friday, the children are able to take her home to care for her over the weekend.