

**Newlands Class Information**  
**Mrs Clark and Mrs Davies**  
**Church Walk CE Primary School**  
**Autumn 1 2020**

Welcome back! I hope everyone has had a good break. It is lovely to see the children in school again.

**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 have two reading books, one for in school and one to go home. The book to go home can be brought back to school every Thursday to be changed. Please keep reading records at home and continue to write in them every time you read with your child. Children can also write in their reading records. We will keep a separate record at school. **Please read and discuss books with your child at least 3 times a week. Even fluent readers benefit from someone listening to them read.**

**Maths**

Daily Maths sessions will help the children to develop their mental maths abilities. Maths lessons will focus on place value of numbers, addition and subtraction. We will be following the White Rose scheme for learning. 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.**

For the time being we will only be able to have one outdoor P.E session, as we have been advised not to use the hall for P.E due to the small size. The outdoor session will focus on cricket skills. Please can children bring a P.E kit to school in a P.E bag as usual with red school P.E T-shirt, black shorts,



pumps, spare socks if wearing tights. Trainers can be brought for outdoor P.E. We will try to use the field and playground at other times so that the children are moving and keeping active.

### R.E.

In R.E. we will be learning about rites of passage and their importance in Christian and Jewish religions. We will look at Baptism, Confirmation and the Christian concept of the Trinity, as well as Jewish Bar and Bat Mitzvahs.

### Technology

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

### Art

As part of our topic the children will draw, research, design and make their own version of Anglo-Saxon jewellery. We will also be designing and making torches, children will investigate key features and create their own criteria from which to design and build their own style of torch.

### Music

The children will develop their skills of rhythm, pulse, pitch, tempo, ostinato and timbre through the use of percussion instruments and glockenspiels. The focus for this half term will be Abba and the song Mamma Mia.

### 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 developing coding skills practised in previous year groups, using 2Code on Purple Mash. We will learn about algorithms, debugging, making a timer, simulating physical systems and making a control simulation.

### P.S.H.C.E

In PSHE the themes covered will be families, friendships and safe relationships. Children will learn about the features of different types of family life and learn about staying safe, personal boundaries, the impact of different behaviours and safety online.

### Homework

Children will continue to receive Maths and English homework every Thursday. This may be on Microsoft Teams or 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.**

### 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

Working torches

Kitchen roll tubes & Pringles tubes (for making torches)