

**Newlands Class Information**  
**Mrs Clark and Mrs Davies**  
**Church Walk CE Primary School**  
**Autumn 2 2020**

This half term we will be learning about The Vikings.

**Literacy**

This half term our focus will be on Beowulf. We will be exploring characters and settings, through drama and music, to inspire writing. We will then create our own narrative poetry based around the myth, before writing stories through the process of planning, writing and editing. 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 addition and subtraction, measures, multiplication and division. 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 finish our investigations into electrical circuits. We will then move on to learning about forces and magnets. The children will explore how some forces need contact between objects and how magnetic forces work. Skills for working scientifically will be developed through a range of practical investigations.

**History**

We will be exploring what happened after the Anglo-Saxon period in Britain and will be finding out about the impact the Vikings had through historical enquiry, timelines, artefacts, drama and other evidence. We will investigate when and why the Vikings came to Britain, and about important people during that time.

**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 and invasion games 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 RE, the children will learn and reflect on the importance of light in the Christmas story. We will explore the idea of Jesus as the light of the world for Christians and then the children will think about who they consider to be their guiding lights.

### Technology/ Art

To link with our history topic, we will be investigating, designing, making and evaluating Viking long ships. We will continue our torch designs and make a working finished product using the criteria the children set for themselves. We will also take the time to study line form and shape when sketching and use different art and craft techniques.

### Music

The children will develop their understanding of Beowulf through songs, music composition and dance. We will also be learning music for Christmas.

### French

In French, we will be consolidating greetings, basic commands, numbers to 20. We will learn about colours, parts of the body and clothes.

### Computing

This half term we will be thinking about online safety, developing coding skills and using spreadsheets.

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

In PSHE the themes covered will be respecting ourselves and others, we will look at being respectful in different situations and discuss the importance of self-respect.

### 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.**