



**Newlands Class Information**  
**Church Walk CE Primary School**  
**Spring 2 2018**

**This half term we will be continuing our Romans learning, and finding out about Fairtrade.**

**Literacy**

In the first week, we will finalise our shadow puppet theatre of Romulus and Remus, and perform it to parents. We will then write cinquain poems inspired by the events of Pompeii. Finally we will return to the Romans theme to write short Roman mystery stories. 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 Big Maths sessions will help the children to develop their mental maths abilities.

Maths lessons will focus on time, fractions, decimals and money. 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 and other 'learn-its' which will be put in homework books.**

**Science**

In science we will be thinking about sound. We will explore how sound is made, how it travels, how we hear, pitch and sound proofing.

**Computing**

This half term we will be developing specific word processing skills. Many other aspects of computing such as research and typing skills will be developed 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 PE, we will be focusing on tennis skills.

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

**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 and red school PE shirt. Trainers for outdoor games are optional.**

## **History**

In history, we will continue to explore key events in Roman history in Britain and in Italy, such as the eruption of Pompeii, and Boudicca's rebellion. We will also be finding out about ways of life and culture of Roman citizens, thinking the importance and variety of historical evidence in exploring the past.

## **Geography**

We will begin our geography work by finding out about the landscape of Italy, volcanic eruptions, identifying locations on maps and looking at case studies. We will then be finding out about Fairtrade, where we will look at case studies of banana plantations, and compare this type of farming to farming in the UK.

## **Art**

This half term in art we will be learning about artists linked to Rome. We will paint portraits and still life compositions based on the style and work of Antonio Donghi.

## **Music**

Music lessons will provide opportunities to develop skills in rhythm and pulse, tempo, use of patterns, repetition and contrast in music. Singing will take place on a daily basis in the classroom. We will develop understanding of musical notation.

## **French**

In French we will be learning about food.

## **RE**

In RE the children will be thinking about how the Easter story teaches Christians about hope and despair, linking these emotions to events in their own lives or lives of people that they know.



## PHSE

This half term will be thinking about why Fairtrade is important how it impacts on the lives of the growers. We will link this to the rights of the child as part of Rights Respecting Schools.

## 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.**