

**Newlands Class Information**  
**Mrs Clark and Mrs Davies**  
**Church Walk CE Primary School**  
**Autumn 1 2024**

Welcome back! I hope everyone has had a good summer break.

**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 change their own reading books when they come in to school in the mornings. We will remind them, but it will be done independently and not by staff. It 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 arithmetic sessions will help the children to develop their mental maths and arithmetic 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 continue to support your child at home with regular learning of times tables. Remember to use TT Rockstars and Purple Mash as additional learning resources at home.**

**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 games, we will be focusing on invasion games; hockey in particular. In gymnastics, we will be finding out about the principles of balance and applying skills learned.

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

**Black pumps, black shorts, red school PE shirt. Trainers for outdoor games are optional.**

### **R.E.**

This half term, we will be exploring how people of faith celebrate Harvest. We will look at what the Bible says about Harvest and how Harvest is celebrated in different parts of the world. We will think about how communities respond when a harvest fails.

### **Technology**

To link with our science topic, we will 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.

### **Art**

As part of our topic the children will draw, research, design and make their own version of Anglo-Saxon jewellery.

### **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 reading and writing more 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.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 receive homework every Thursday. This might be in the homework book, on Teams or on 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.**

Spellings will go home every Tuesday - the test will usually be the following Tuesday.