



Newlands Class Information
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Church Walk CE Primary School
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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 fluency 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; Barrow Raiders will be working with the children to teach rugby skills and we will be learning passing and control in hockey. 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 preferred.

R.E.

In R.E. we will be learning about How People of Faith Celebrate Harvest. We will explore how we celebrate Harvest in our country and how it is celebrated around the world.

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 be learning how to play the ukulele this half term.

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 learn vocabulary linked to games and playtime.

Computing

This half term we will refresh our knowledge and understanding of internet safety. We will be learning how to use email safely and appropriately.

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 most Thursdays. This might be in the homework book 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 Monday - the test will usually be the following Monday.