



Newlands Class Information
Church Walk CE Primary School
Summer 2 2024

Literacy

Our work this half term will focus on our class novel, *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell. We will be writing character and setting descriptions, leading to writing a story of our own, based around the book. After this, we will focus on play scripts and traditional tales from South America, followed by a performance of our own. 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 arithmetic sessions will help the children to develop their mental maths and arithmetic abilities.

Maths lessons will focus on decimals, time, position and direction, measures, shape and space. 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 continuing with our observations on living things and their habitats. We will find out about life cycles, food chains and undertake some local habitat studies.

Computing

This half term we will be learning how to create simple animations. **Pivot Animator** is simple and free to download, and children can use it at home to develop their skills. Many other aspects of computing such as word processing, research and using 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/ and on Purple Mash

P.E.

In outdoor PE we will be developing cricket, rounders and athletics skills. In gymnastics we will be developing sequences using hand apparatus.

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.

Geography

Geography work will continue on the theme of South America and Brazil, comparing physical and human aspects to England.

Technology

In design technology this term we will be learning about different types of shelters. We will design and make a shelter to meet specific design criteria using techniques for reinforcing and strengthening.

Music

In music we will be learning Samba songs and rhythms.

French

In French we will be learning the months of the year and the seasons, as well as talking about holidays and hobbies. We will continue to develop conversation skills.

RE

In RE we will continue to explore Rules for Living in different world faiths. We will look at the Five Pillars of Islam, The Sikh Five K's, The Eightfold Path in Buddhism and a Humanist view of rules for living.

PSHE

PSHCE this half term will continue to focus on healthy lifestyles, including oral and dental care, a balanced lifestyle and medicines. We will also be thinking about times of change and transition in preparation for our new classes in September.

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.