



Newlands Class Information
Church Walk CE Primary School
Spring 2 2026

This half term we will be continuing our Romans theme.

Literacy

In Literacy, we will finalise our shadow puppet theatre performance. Then we will write reports about daily life in Ancient Roman times. Next, we will write cinquain poems inspired by the events of Pompeii. Finally, we will write short adventure stories based on the book 'Escape from Pompeii'. Daily spelling, punctuation and grammar sessions will take place, as will reading fluency and handwriting sessions.

Reading

Children will need to continue to change reading books when they come in to school in the morning. 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 multiplication and division, fractions, length and perimeter. 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 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 learning how to use word processing tools to write for different audiences. 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/ and Purple Mash activities.

P.E.

In PE, we will be focusing on cricket skills with Cumbria Cricket, and we will be developing skills in dance.

P.E sessions will be on Monday and Wednesday. Please make sure your child has the following items in school every day, that they are the correct size and that they have names in:

Black pumps, black shorts and red school PE shirt. Trainers for outdoor games are preferred.



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. At the end of March, we will be taking a day trip to The Roman Army Museum and Vindolanda Roman town, near Hadrian's Wall.

We will be making Roman army shields – if you have any large, strong pieces of cardboard, please bring them in.

Geography

We will begin our Geography work by finding out about modern day Italy, the landscape of Italy and volcanic eruptions, identifying locations on maps and looking at case studies.

Art

In Art we will be looking at different Italian artists and using their styles to paint a still life and a portrait. We will focus on mixing and matching colours, using colour, shape, line pattern, form, texture and composition effectively.

Music

Music lessons will provide opportunities to develop skills in rhythm and pulse, tempo, use of patterns, repetition and contrast in music. This will be supported by Charanga music programme, with a focus on playing the glockenspiel.

French

In French, our topic will be Food; we will learn a song about food and explore vocabulary and phrases related to what the children like to eat. We will role play a French cafe and take orders from customers for the food they would like.

RE

In RE the children will be thinking about the symbol of the cross for Christians and whether it symbolises sadness or joy. We will explore Holy Week and Easter and the range of emotions experienced during the events of Palm Sunday, The Last Supper, Good Friday and Easter Day.

PSHCE

In PSHCE we will be thinking about how data is shared and used and making decisions about money; using and keeping money safe.

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 usually go home every Monday and the test will be the following Monday.

