



Newlands Class Information
Church Walk CE Primary School
Summer 2 2026

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

In computing the children will use Purple Mash to create and explore music digitally they will also learn about Artificial intelligence and learn how to write and an AI prompt.

P.E.

In outdoor PE we will be developing basketball and athletics skills. Cumbria Cricket will also run sessions in P.E each week for this half term.

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.

Geography



Geography work will continue with the theme of South America and Brazil, comparing physical and human aspects to England. We will be exploring extreme weather in the region.

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. We hope to start Ukulele lessons with a teacher from the Music Service.

French

In French we will be revising some of our topics including school and vocabulary linked to this. We will then look at playtimes and games. This will include singing French songs and discovering games that French children enjoy.

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 and The Eightfold Path in Buddhism.

PSHE

In PSHE we will learn about physical health and wellbeing, how our bodies change, illnesses, medication and addictions. We will also be thinking about times of change and transition in preparation for our new classes in September.

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.