

**Newlands Class Information**  
**Mrs Clark and Mrs Davies**  
**Church Walk CE Primary School**  
**Autumn 2 2024**

This half term we will be learning about The Vikings.

**Literacy**

This half term our focus will be on Beowulf. We will be exploring characters and settings, through drama and music, to inspire writing. We will then create our own narrative poetry based around the myth, before writing stories through the process of planning, writing and editing. 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 Maths sessions will help the children to develop their mental maths abilities. Maths lessons will focus on addition and subtraction, measures, multiplication and division. 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 forces and magnets. The children will explore how some forces need contact between objects and how magnetic forces work. Skills for working scientifically will be developed through a range of practical investigations.


**History**

We will be exploring what happened after the Anglo-Saxon period in Britain and will be finding out about the impact the Vikings had through historical enquiry, timelines, artefacts, drama and other evidence. We will investigate when and why the Vikings came to Britain, and about important people during that time.

**P.E.**

In outdoor games, we will be focusing on invasion games and tag rugby skills. Indoor P.E will focus on fitness training.

**P.E will take place every Monday and Thursday. 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 recommended if possible. Tracksuit bottoms can be brought for cold weather. All jewellery and earrings must be removed.**

### **R.E.**

In RE, the children will learn and reflect on the importance of light in the Christmas story. They will think about Jesus and how he is seen as the light of the world for Christians. Children will also explore who they think of as their guiding lights. We will look at Terry Waite and how he used his faith to help him through his darkest times as a hostage.

We will explore how other faiths have celebrations involving light, including the Jewish festival of Hannukah

### **Technology/ Art**

To link with our history topic, we will be investigating, designing, making and evaluating Viking long ships. We will continue our torch designs and make a working finished product using the criteria the children set for themselves. We will also take the time to study line form and shape when sketching and use different art and craft techniques.

### **Music**

The children will develop their understanding of Beowulf through songs, music composition and dance. We will also be learning music for Christmas.

### **French**

In French, we will be consolidating greetings, basic commands, numbers to 20. We will learn about colours, parts of the body and clothes.

### **Computing**

This half term we will be focusing on touch typing on purple mash. Touch typing is a program designed to help children learn the basics of quick and efficient typing.

### **P.S.H.E**

In PSHE the themes covered will be respecting ourselves and others, we will look at being respectful in different situations and discuss the importance of self-respect.

### **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.

If you have any questions regarding school related issues, or would like further information, please speak to us at school or contact the school office and emails will be forwarded.

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