



**Newlands Class Information**  
**Church Walk CE Primary School**  
**Autumn 2 2023**

**Literacy**

Literacy work will continue to be linked to our topic as we move from learning about The Stone Age to The Iron Age. We will read stories set in this time period, exploring them through drama activities, writing setting and character descriptions, and our own short stories. We will also be writing poetry using Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day as inspiration. 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 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 mental arithmetic sessions will help the children to develop their mental maths abilities. Maths lessons will focus on addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and measures. 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 learning of times tables.**

**Science**

In Science, we will complete our work on rocks and soils.

**Computing**

In computing the children will be using the Purple Mash scheme of work to explore various features and functions of spreadsheets and their application.

Many other aspects of computing such as word processing, research and using sound will be explored through other subjects.

Children can continue to develop their programming skills at home using Scratch and Purple Mash.

[http://scratch.mit.edu/scratch\\_1.4/](http://scratch.mit.edu/scratch_1.4/)

**P.E.**

When the weather is dry, we will continue to use the outdoor space to develop football and rugby skills. If wet, we will work on improving overall strength and fitness with circuit training activities.

In gymnastics, we will be focusing on patterns and pathways.

**P.E will take place on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please make sure your child has the following items in school every day: Black pumps, black shorts and red T-shirt with school logo. Trainers for outdoor games are optional, as are joggers/ leggings now the weather is getting colder. Please put in a pair of socks if your child wears tights.**



### History

Daily life in Iron Age times will be explored through artefacts, evidence and historical enquiry, including what their homes were like and what they ate. We will make connections and comparisons between different time periods in history, including the present day.

### Geography

Children will develop map reading skills using the OS website. This can also be accessed at home. We will identify continents and countries, find out about settlements and create our own Iron Age town maps with a key.

<https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapzone/>

### Art

This half term we will be designing and making Bronze Age beakers. Nearer Christmas, we will create various Christmas crafts.

### Music

We will continue to enhance musical skills through Charanga, with the song 'Three Little Birds' providing the framework to develop singing, playing of pitched instruments, reading of notation, understanding of tempo, rhythm, timbre and pitch.

### French

In French, we will be learning to say how old we are, where we live, what our address is, about our town, number to 100 and counting in 10s as well as consolidating previous learning, with speaking and listening, some written work and songs.

### R.E

This half term, we will be exploring a unit about Christmas and the impact that Jesus had on people's lives.

It will give children the opportunity to reflect upon Christmas as a celebration and deepen their understanding of the concept of incarnation.

### PSHE

In PSHE we will be thinking about respecting differences and similarities; and discussing differences sensitively.

### Homework

Children will receive homework every Thursday. This may be in their books, on Teams or 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.** Children may be asked to complete homework during a playtime if it is not returned on time. Spellings will usually go out on a Monday or Tuesday for a test the following week.

### Outdoor learning

If possible, please send your child in with a pair of wellies that can be left at school, so that we can continue to use the field and get out and about in the winter months. Thank you.