Newlands Class Information
Mrs Clark and Mrs Davies
Church Walk CE Primary School
Autumn 2 2026

This half term we will be learning about The Vikings.

Literacy
This half term our focus will be on Beowulf. We will be exploring the story, writing dialogue and writing poetry using the 'I am A Clever Writer' approach. We will also be doing some activities based around The Gunpower Plot and Remembrance Day. Spelling, punctuation and grammar sessions will take place, as will fluency reading, individual 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
Maths lessons will focus on addition and subtraction, measures, multiplication and division. We will be following the White Rose Scheme and we will be using 'Winning With Numbers' to develop and embed arithmetic skills. **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.
Indoor P.E will focus on gymnastics and fitness training.

P.E will take place every Monday and Tuesday. 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.

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
We will continue our torch designs and make a working finished product using the criteria the children set for themselves.

Music
The children will develop their understanding of Beowulf through songs. They will also be continuing to learn how to play the ukulele and learning carols for Christmas.

French
In French, we will be consolidating greetings, basic commands, numbers to 20. We will also be exploring My Home and the various rooms.

Computing
In computing we will use 2Calculate, to navigate spreadsheets
apply appropriate tools, formulae and use functions to solve problems. We will also continue to practice keyboard and typing skills

P.S.H.E
In PSHE the theme will be Keeping Healthy. We will look at medicines and why people may need them. We will also discuss the importance of only taking medicines that are prescribed for us and who the trusted adults are, who can give us medicines.

Homework
Children will receive homework every Thursday. 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 most Mondays - the test will usually be the following Monday.

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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