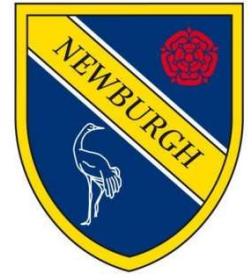


# Home School Liaison

## Venables Spring Term

Mr Dilworth, Mrs Canavan, Mrs Kenyon and Mrs Barker-Gaskell



**Autumn term Focus Theme: Geography (Allotments) and Science (ID)**

**Focus Reading Text: The Secret Garden**

**Recommended Websites: BBC Bitesize, Times table rockstars, Mathletics, Purple Mash, Scratch and Serial Mash.**

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### **Our Curriculum:**

(Curriculum overview is on the school website).

**Reading & Writing:** This term we will be covering a variety of writing styles. We will start with myths and legends, recounts, persuasion, instructions, performance poetry and non-Chronological reports. Reading in school is an important part of the day, the children spend at least 20 minutes reading each day and complete age appropriate comprehension questions every Monday. We will also read our class novel together at the end of the day and discuss what we have read and make predictions base on this.

**Mathematics:** This term our focus is Statistics, fractions, decimals and percentages.

**RE:** Jesus the teacher.  
Easter, Who was Jesus? Who is Jesus?

### **Home Learning:**

**Reading:** In order to be competent readers, children need to read regularly at home and school. Parents are asked to encourage their children to read regularly and read for pleasure. We ask parents to sign and date reading diaries every time you hear your child read and ensure books are in school daily. Reading diaries will be checked in school and we expect a minimum of two entries/comments a week. This is an ideal opportunity to question your child on their understanding of the text, to improve their comprehension skills and vocabulary. These books are intended as 'home' readers as the children read a separate text in their English lessons. Book club is a huge part of Year 5 and 6 so please make sure it is completed at home and brought into school on the requested day.

**Spelling:** Spellings will be given to children every Monday, the children need to learn the spelling rule and also be able to put those words into a sentence.

**Times Tables:** Children should now know all of their multiplication tables so practice using times table rockstars will reinforce their understanding.

**What we are learning ...**

Why did Jesus tell this story? What can we learn from this story? How does this story help us to understand Christian beliefs?

How does this story impact on the lives of believers? Who was Jesus? Who is Jesus? Who did Jesus say he was? Was Jesus the messiah?

<b>Computing: Spreadsheets, Databases, Game Creator.</b>	Using Purple mash to explore how to use spreadsheets and make spreadsheets. How to create and use simple formula in spreadsheets. Making sure we understand how to stay safe whilst using the internet and the correct things to do if we see something we don't like or get sent something we don't like.
<b>Science: Animals including humans and evolution and inheritance.</b>	Changes that humans develop to old age. Life cycles of mammals, amphibian, insect and bird. Reproduction in some plants and animals. Human circulatory system. Impact of diet and exercise on the way bodies function. Describe the way nutrients and water are transported within animals including humans.
<b>Art &amp; Design: Drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials.</b>	Using different skills and types of materials to enhance our drawing, sketching and painting.
<b>Design &amp; Technology: Healthy food recipes, planting vegetables and gardening.</b>	Linked to our science topic design a healthy balanced meal, understand the nutrients in food stuff and why we need a healthy balanced diet.
<b>Music:</b>	Friday afternoons with our choirmaster James.
<b>PSHE: Confident me</b>	Complete the confident me programme.
<b>PE: Games</b>	Friday afternoon taken by West Lancashire Sports Partnership.
<b>Forest School:</b>	A date will be confirmed next half term.
<b>Theme Weeks/Days: Gardening day.</b>	<b>Topic Homework: See home learning ideas sheet for more details.</b>

## Reminders:

**PE:** PE takes place on Tuesday and Friday. Children are expected to wear PE kit consisting of a white T-shirt, navy shorts and a pair of black pumps. Outdoor PE kit should also be school: navy jogging/tracksuit bottoms, navy hoody, trainers. These should be named and kept in a drawstring bag. PE kits are returned before every holidays to be washed and should be returned to school on the day we return from holidays.

**Extra Curricular Activities:** We strive to provide a wide range of activities for children to take part in. Parents will be notified of what these clubs are and how to access them through letters or the weekly Newsletter when we are allowed to start them up again.

**School Uniform:** Please ensure that children wear the correct uniform and look smart. All items of clothing should be named. Shoes should be sensible and black. Please ensure children have weather appropriate outer wear as children go outside as often as possible. Hair accessories should be consistent with the school uniform colours i.e. navy blue or grey.

**Attendance and Punctuality:** Good attendance and punctuality are extremely important. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school please notify Chrissy. School doors open at 8.50am. Registration is prompt at 8.55am. Termly 100% Attendance is celebrated at the last worship of term and at the Leaver's worship at the end of the school year.

**Parking:** Parking in the school car park is strictly prohibited at all times. Please be mindful of our neighbours when parking on Back Lane or in the village.

Thank you for all your support. We look forward to an exciting term ahead.