



The Federation of Longhorsley and
Whalton C of E Schools



Class 3 Summer 1 Newsletter

I hope you've had a lovely break, and are ready for the coming term.

In Summer Term 1, we will focus on exciting topics and activities to engage the students. Parents are always welcome to reach out with any questions or concerns. Weekly homework will be given on Thursday and due by the following Wednesday. Spelling tests will be on Tuesdays, with spelling lists provided in your child's reading record. Thank you, Mr. Chambers.

~Maths~

Children will tackle fractions, time, algebra, decimals, and ratio. They will build fluency and reasoning skills through problem solving and applying concepts to real-life contexts, differentiated by year group.

Year 4s are also getting ready for the national Multiplication Tables Check - daily times table practice at home really helps!

~Literacy~

We will continue to explore the book Ever Changing Earth, developing our descriptive and explanation writing by creating a cyclical story. Later, we will delve into the imaginative story Tar Beach, where children will enhance their reading comprehension, inference skills, and creative writing.

~Science~

In our Materials unit, pupils will investigate properties like insulation and solubility. Through practical tests, they'll draw conclusions about the best materials for specific purposes using scientific enquiry and fair tests.



~Computing~

Children will explore data logging by collecting and interpreting data using sensors and computers. They'll consider how data can be used and presented in different ways to answer questions.

~PE~

Skiping is our focus this half term. We will build coordination, stamina, and teamwork through individual and partner skiping, progressing to long rope skills in fun and energetic sessions.

~History~

We'll travel from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. Pupils will explore early human life, farming at Skara Brae, the introduction of bronze, and the Iron Age Celts, considering how settlements and trade evolved.

~Religious Education~

Our unit explores why Christians believe Jesus is the Messiah. Children will examine Jewish expectations of a rescuer, study Gospel evidence, and understand how these beliefs are celebrated today.

~Design technology~

We're exploring frame structures! Pupils will investigate, design, build, and evaluate their own sturdy structures using materials and tools safely, applying engineering principles like triangulation for strength.



~PSHE~

This term in PSHE, UKS2 pupils are learning about personal hygiene, sun safety, healthy lifestyles, dental care, mental health, and alcohol awareness.

~Commando Joe~

Over the next few weeks, children will take part in Commando Joe's VE Day missions - exciting, team-based challenges inspired by World War II. Through problem-solving, resilience and teamwork, pupils will explore the significance of VE Day and the values it represents, bringing history to life in a fun and active way.

~Music~

This summer we will continue to develop our singing skills, but we will also focus on learning to play and improvise using the glockenspiel. The glockenspiel is an example of a tuned instrument so that the children learn to improvise using pitch, as well as rhythm.