



The Federation of Longhorsley and Whalton C of E Schools



Class 1 - Summer Term Newsletter 2025

Welcome back . We hope you have had a wonderful Easter and are nice and refreshed for the term ahead. Please can you continue to read with your child at least 3 times per week, including going over their common exception words too. For Year 1s spelling will continue to be tested on a Tuesday. PE days are Tuesday with swimming kit and Wednesday with PE Kit for skipping school . There is an after school for this if you wish to sign up your child.

~Maths~

We will spend the first 3 weeks learning about the basics of multiplication and division, then we will move onto fractions, followed by position and direction, place value, then money and concluding with time. I will send home a parent leaflet to support you; to ensure that you are informed on the different methods the children are being taught. We will also continue our work with The Great North Maths Hub working on the mastery approach and over learning concepts to ensure fluency and confidence.

~Computing~

We will explore early programming concepts, using individual commands, introducing the children to the early stages of program design through the introduction of algorithms.

We will then move onto screen programming through ScratchJr. by investigating sprites and backgrounds. They will use programming blocks to use, modify and create programs.

~Religious Education ~

Our key question is: How should we care for the world and for others, and why does it matter? We will talk about friendship and our unique personal qualities. After that, we will explore our second key question: What do Christians believe God is like? Reverend Elaine will also come into school to share her thoughts with us.

~History ~

We will learn about Rosa Parks and understand why she is a significant individual in history, placing her on our class timeline and discuss any similar events we know about.

~ Geography ~

We will discuss types of weather in immediate environment and share our knowledge about the four seasons. We will investigate hot and cold areas of the world and the impact of different weather types.

~Literacy~

We will be exploring a range of traditional tales and some of the more modern versions that have been written. We will be identifying their key features, sorting and arranging picture cues in order before having a go at writing our own versions! They will also be reciting repetitive rhymes or stories and giving their opinions on the books that they read.

~ Art and Design ~

We will explore the work of Picasso, and look at the interesting faces he made! Then we will create our own piece of unique art work to show our own personalities through art!

~Design and Technology ~

The children will learn how to prepare fruit and vegetables to make a dish - fruit salad, smoothies or a healthy salad! Watch this space!



~ Science ~

The children will be exploring the 4 seasons and investigating what changes occur between the seasons. They will be encouraged to think of an event they like in each of the seasons.



Then we will learn about materials - comparing their qualities like rough, smooth, their shape and whether they are waterproof or not.

We will also learn more about the scientist William Addis who invented the toothbrush, which will link to our dental hygiene we are learning in PSHE.



~PE~

We are going to have the help of Linda from Skip4Fit, to learn new skipping skills focusing on our balance and coordination. Then in the second half of the summer term, we will be learning how to play cricket with the help of Matthew Senior. Sports Day will also feature this term!



~PSHE~

We will develop our understanding further of personal hygiene and safety. Dental work, sun safety and our mental health. Understanding the need of taking care of our bodies to keep them healthy.



~Music~

We will be recognising different sounds and then attempt to make our own music in a unit called 'The Big Concert.'