



The Federation of Longhorsley and
Whalton C of E Schools

Class 2 Spring 2 Newsletter



We hope you've had a great break, and welcome back to Spring!

We are looking forward to an active, engaging and fun half term. Weekly homework will be given on Thursdays, due by the following Wednesday and spelling tests will continue on Tuesdays, with spelling lists provided in your child's reading record. Parents are always welcome to reach out with any questions or concerns and we look forward to seeing you on our special occasions like the Easter Services.

With thanks, Miss Bowen

~Maths~

This half-term, children will develop their measuring skills and how to use measuring equipment accurately. They will be investigating length and height (cm, m), mass (g, kg), volume and capacity (ml, l). Why not encourage practical maths at home, through measuring weights and volumes when cooking?

~Computing~

We will be looking at branching databases and how to create, structure and use them to group items using yes/no questions. Finally, we will evaluate their effectiveness and decide what types of data should be presented as a branching database.

~French~

To answer the question "What do you like to do?", we will learn vocabulary for places in school, a PE lesson and items in our pencil-case.

~Religious Education~

We will be reflecting on why Christians call the day Jesus died, 'Good Friday'. We will look at the significance of Holy Week, the events that took place during that week and consider what this means to Christians today.

~Commando Joe~

Children will complete Commando Joe missions inspired by Spartacus, learning about his escape from the Romans. They will explore historical events, solve challenges and work collaboratively to deepen their understanding.

~Literacy~

Each week we will be writing our own weekend news - varying the way we start our sentences and using connectives (and, but, so, because) to join our ideas together.

The Colourful Semantics approach to sentence writing will also be embedded this term, thinking about who, is doing what, where and when, in order to help us accurately construct and edit our sentences.

We will continue with RWI Phonics, focussing on learning how to use our Set 3 sounds when spelling.

~Art~

Continuing with our learning about the Romans, we will be using our drawing and sculpting skills to create some BAS-relief. Although, maybe not quite to this standard!



~PE~

In hockey, students will develop their skills by practicing close ball control, short passing, shooting, moving into space, and passing while moving. They will apply these techniques in small games, to improve teamwork and game strategies.

~Science~

Our science learning will look at the states of matter. We will be investigating the different properties of solids, liquids and gases and looking at the processes of evaporation and condensation.



~Geography~

We are going to locate and explore Australia! We will investigate its diverse landscape and physical geography, look at the weather and climate and consider the population, a mixture of indigenous and the multi-cultural migrant population. Finally, we will look at the states and territories and rural vs urban living.

~PSHE~

In this unit, pupils will explore money, its different forms, and where it comes from. They'll learn about saving, spending, and making choices, the difference between wants and needs, and how to keep money safe.

~Music~

We continue with Turntablism until Easter. Having mastered and combined the Baby Scratch and Release scratch, we will continue by looking at different samples (the music we use to create the scratch) and learning to write our own score and perform it.