



The Federation of Longhorsley and
Whalton C of E Schools

Class 1 - Spring 2 Newsletter 2025



Welcome back . We hope you are all as excited as we are about the fantastic, fun packed learning we have coming up this half term. Please continue to hear your child read their sound cards, common exception words (words that don't sound out - they just need to learn to read them) and their book. The google classroom also updates you on the week's work, please feel free to comment on what we have been up to. It is also good to hear whether your child is talking about things at school at home too.

~Maths~

Our first unit of work is called building 9 and 10. In this unit we will continue to count objects, actions and sounds. We will also check that the number symbol (numeral) with its cardinal number value. We will continue to practise our estimating skills. After this unit, we will move onto identifying and describing 3D shapes - being able to sort, compare and label them into separate groups.

~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.

Understanding of the World

We will be focusing on living things in their habitats. Looking at coastal, ocean, woodland, rainforest and ponds. How are these similar and different? Our scientist focus is Terry Nutkins.



We will also be looking at the UK - countries, cities, landmarks and land use. We will then compare London with Brasilia noting similarities and differences between the two.



~Computing~ In Computing this term, we'll explore the technology around us and practice basics like logging in, using a mouse, and typing on a keyboard, building essential tech skills and digital confidence.



~Expressive Arts and Design
We will be making our very own wooden spoon puppets and creating our own stories together with our friends. With the junk modelling materials, we will create a setting for our story too.



~Religious Education

We will be exploring the events leading up to Easter. We will talk about the importance of Jesus, what led to the meeting in The Garden of Gethsemane, who helps and betrays Jesus and how out of sadness has come happiness and a time when Christians celebrate together.

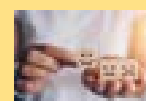
~PE~

We are going to learn the basic skills to be able to play Hockey. Learning how to control the ball - dribbling, passing, hitting and controlling the ball.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will develop our understanding of Money. We will explore, how people earn their own money and then how they choose to save money. We will also continue to do our daily check in with our emotions and support our friends too.



Commando Joe's will continue with Mr Chambers. The children will continue to complete missions based on their History unit of work The Great Fire of London.

~Music~ Our theme, until Easter, is the Orchestra. Alongside our glockenspiel playing, we will compose our own music and write it as a graphic score.