



The Federation of Longhorsley and
Whalton C of E Schools



Class 2 - Year 2

Summer Term Newsletter

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

This is a short first half-term and so most topics will run past the May break before we change focus in our subjects. Despite the shortness of term, we intend to pack a lot in with our VE celebration service and our 'Walk to School' week which will be coming up soon. The second term will of course feature Sports Day! 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. With thanks, Miss Bowen

~Maths~

We continue with the topic of Time, using quarter past and quarter to and being able to tell the time to 5 minutes, past and to the hour.

We will also be looking at Fractions, focussing on halves, quarters and thirds.

~Computing~

In the Summer Term, we build on our coding skills using the popular program Scratch. We will extend our skills by writing for multiple characters (sprites), using repeating sequences and understanding how to design a program, to make a musical instrument!

~Religious Education~

This half-term, the 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. Our second key question will be: What do Christians believe God is like? Reverend Elaine will come into school to share her thoughts with us.

~Commando Joe~

Children will take part in Commando Joe's VE Day missions inspired by World War II. They will explore the significance of VE Day and the values it represents, bringing history to life in a fun and active way.

~Literacy~

Using inspiring books and stories on which we can base our writing, we continue to improve our sentences, using different conjunctions, suffixes and adjectives. We will learn aspects of grammar, such as apostrophes for possession versus contraction and continue to work on formulating answers from the text in comprehension skills.

In Phonics, we will be focusing on spelling using the split digraphs a-e, e-e, i-e, o-e, u-e.

~Design and Technology~

The children will learn to prepare fruit and vegetables to make a dish such as a fruit salad or smoothie or healthy salad!

~Art~

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

~Physical Education~

Using Skip4Fit, the students will develop their skipping skills, both individually and using a larger rope being turned for them. This is a popular session and skipping features regularly on the playground at playtime. In the second half-term the children will learn to play cricket with Matthew Senior and prepare skills ready for Sports Day.

~Science~

We will be exploring the four 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.

In the second half-term, we will learn about materials. We will compare their qualities like rough and smooth, their shape and whether they are waterproof or not.

We will also learn about William Addis, the scientist who invented the toothbrush, which will link to our PSHE unit where we will be learning dental hygiene.

~Geography~

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

~History~

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

~PSHE~

We will develop our understanding of personal hygiene and safety, understanding how to take care of our bodies and keep them healthy.