



The Federation of Longhorsley and
Whalton C of E Schools

Class 2 Autumn 1 Newsletter



In Autumn 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~

In Maths, we will be focusing on place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, and fractions. Children will build confidence in understanding number, practice written and mental calculation strategies, and begin to apply these skills to problem-solving. This unit will give them a strong foundation for the rest of the year.

~Literacy~

In English, children will be exploring the theme of dreams through an exciting text. They will take part in book talk, grammar activities, and shorter writing tasks, before planning and writing their own sequel. Pupils will also design a flying machine and write instructions to explain how it works.

~Science~

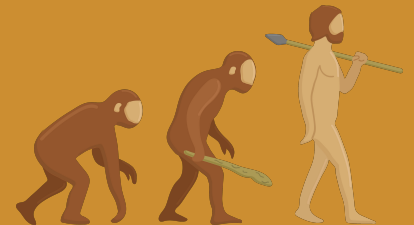
In Science, children will explore the fascinating topic of evolution and inheritance. They will investigate how characteristics are passed from parents to offspring and study how animals and plants adapt to their environments in order to survive. Pupils will also examine fossils as evidence of how life has changed over millions of years. Throughout the unit, they will learn about the work of influential scientists such as Charles Darwin and consider how their discoveries continue to shape our understanding of the natural world today.

~Computing~

This term, children will explore how computer systems work, focusing on inputs, processes, and outputs. They will learn how data is shared online and practice strategies for effective teamwork and collaboration using digital tools.

~PE~

In PE, children will develop their football skills. They will practise passing, dribbling, and shooting, while also learning the importance of teamwork, communication, and fair play. Small-sided games will help them apply their skills in match situations.



~Religious Education~

In RE, children will explore the creation story in Genesis. They will reflect on its key ideas, compare it with scientific accounts of the world's beginnings, and consider how Christians view God as Creator. Pupils will also explore creative responses through art, music, and science, before discussing whether faith and science conflict or complement one another.

~Art~

In Art, children will be exploring Ancient Egyptian sculpture. They will study how artists used symbolism, proportion, and materials to communicate meaning, before experimenting with drawing and clay techniques. Pupils will then design and create their own symbolic sculptures, finishing with an evaluation of how effectively their work tells a story.

~History~

This term, we will be exploring the world of the Anglo-Saxons. Children will investigate why they came to Britain, where they settled, and how life changed with the arrival of Christianity. Through key questions, they will also explore leaders like Alfred, Anglo-Saxon justice, and whether the Dark Ages were truly "dark."

