



**The Federation of Longhorsley and
Whalton C of E Schools**

Class 2 Spring 1 Newsletter



In Spring 1, we will be building on prior learning and exploring a range of exciting topics across the curriculum. Parents are always welcome to get in touch if they have any questions or concerns. Weekly homework will be given on Thursday and is due the following Wednesday. Spelling tests will take place on Tuesdays, with spelling lists provided in your child's reading record.

~Maths~

In maths, Year 3 and 4 pupils will be developing their understanding of multiplication and division before moving on to fractions. Later in the half term, children will explore length and perimeter, applying their knowledge to practical problem-solving activities.

~Literacy~

This half term, we will be reading *Granny Came Here on the Windrush*. Children will explore themes of identity, belonging and history while developing key reading and writing skills. They will focus on comprehension, vocabulary development, and planning their own writing inspired by the text.

~Science~

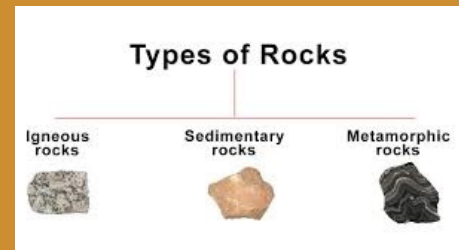
Our science topic is Rocks. Children will observe and compare different types of rocks, investigate their physical properties, learn how fossils are formed, and explore how soils are made from rocks and organic matter. They will also investigate how rocks and soil change over time.

~Computing~

In computing, pupils will be developing digital media skills by recording podcasts and learning how images can be edited and altered. They will discuss the impact of image manipulation and learn to identify whether images are real or fake.

~PSHE~

In PSHE, children will learn about families, relationships, and how families can be similar and different. They will also explore stereotypes, prejudice, and how to challenge harmful views and seek support if they feel worried or unsure.

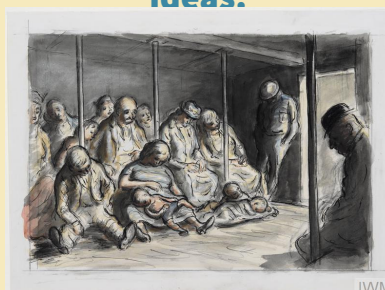


~Religious Education~

In RE, children will learn about Sikhism and what it means to be a Sikh in Britain today. They will explore core Sikh beliefs, the teachings of the Gurus, the importance of the Guru Granth Sahib, and how Sikh values such as equality and service are lived out in everyday life.

~Art~

Our art work will focus on World War II, exploring how artists express emotions and experiences. Children will experiment with line, tone, texture, and mixed media to create meaningful artwork that communicates feelings and ideas.



~PE~

PE sessions this half term will focus on dance, delivered through specialist planning, helping children develop coordination, rhythm and expressive movement.

~History~

In history, pupils will explore how people in the past understood disease and health. They will learn about the Black Death and the Great Plague, how ideas about medicine changed over time, and how scientific discoveries have helped people live healthier lives today





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~Music~

In music this half term, children will be exploring musical structures, learning how songs are built using repeating and changing sections such as verses and choruses. Through singing, listening, playing instruments and simple composition activities, pupils will develop their musical skills while exploring the question “How does music bring us together?” They will have opportunities to perform and share their learning with others.

~Commando Joe's~

In Commando Joe's, children will take part in an exciting space-themed mission inspired by astronaut Tim Peake. Working in teams, pupils will complete a series of physical and problem-solving challenges linked to teamwork, resilience and communication. Missions include designing astronaut suits, delivering supplies to the International Space Station, exploring a new planet and safely returning to Earth. These sessions help develop leadership skills, confidence and perseverance.

~French~

In French, pupils will build confidence with dates and numbers, learning to count from 11-31, name the days of the week and months of the year, and talk about birthdays and dates.