



**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~

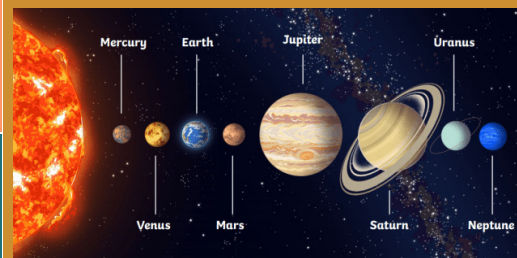
In maths, Year 5 and 6 pupils will focus on multiplication and division before moving on to fractions and decimals. Children will be encouraged to use efficient strategies and apply their learning to problem-solving and reasoning tasks.

~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 Earth and Space. Pupils will learn about the movement of the Earth, Moon and planets, describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as spherical bodies, and use the Earth's rotation to explain day and night. They will also explore how scientific ideas about the solar system have changed over time.



~Computing~

In computing, pupils will explore 3D modelling, learning how physical objects can be represented digitally. They will create, manipulate and combine 3D shapes to design their own digital models.

~PSHE~

In PSHE, pupils will explore how the media influences opinions, choices and behaviour. They will learn about online bias, fake and AI-generated images, algorithms, and how to check the reliability of information, including health-related content.

~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

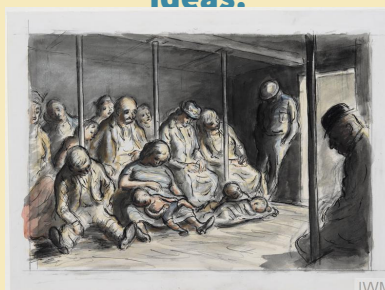


~Religious Education~

In RE, pupils will explore the Christian concept of the Kingdom of God. They will study key parables, examine what Christians believe about Jesus as king, and consider how these beliefs influence Christian life and action today.

~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.



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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 explore numbers and dates through a historical lens, learning to talk about age, years, and famous lives from history.