



The Federation of Longhorsley and
Whalton C of E Schools



Class 2 Summer 1 Newsletter

In Summer 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 Friday and is due the following Wednesday. Spelling tests will take place on Tuesdays, with spelling lists provided in your child's reading record.

~Maths~

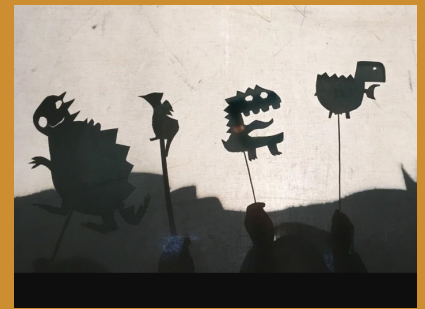
In Maths, Year 3/4 pupils will develop their understanding of time, including reading clocks and solving problems. They will then move on to decimals, learning to recognise, compare and calculate with decimal numbers through practical activities and problem-solving tasks.

~Literacy~

In English, pupils will explore free verse poetry, developing imagery and figurative language. They will then move on to play scripts, learning how dialogue and stage directions work, before planning and drafting their own scripts with a focus on performance and structure.

~Science~

In Science, Year 3/4 pupils will learn about light, exploring how we see, how light reflects, and how shadows are formed. They will investigate how shadow size changes and understand how to stay safe in sunlight through practical investigations.



~Computing~

In Computing, pupils will develop programming skills using Logo. They will learn about repetition, loops, and decomposition, creating and debugging programs to produce patterns, while understanding the importance of accuracy and logical thinking in coding.

~PSHE~

In PSHE, pupils will learn how to stay safe in different environments, including near water, roads, and railways. They will also explore how to keep their bodies clean and healthy, understand how diseases spread, and learn how to prevent illness, including staying safe in the sun and managing allergies.

~Art~

In Art, pupils will design and create freestanding clay sculptures inspired by Louise Bourgeois. They will explore drawing, shaping, and texturing techniques, developing ideas and evaluating their work, with older pupils focusing on symbolism, materials, and refining their designs thoughtfully.



~Religious Education~

In RE, pupils will learn about Guru Nanak and Sikh beliefs, exploring equality, honesty, and service. They will understand key teachings and how these continue to influence Sikhs today, building a clear understanding of what it means to live as a Sikh.

~History~

In History, pupils will study local history, exploring why Whalton is special. They will investigate changes over time, examine buildings, learn about the Bale Fire, and compare past and present jobs, before presenting their understanding of the village's history.



~PE~

We are developing hockey skills, including dribbling, passing, tackling and shooting. Children will practise control, teamwork and game awareness, applying their skills in small competitive games.



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~Music~

In Music, pupils will learn about melody and harmony, developing listening skills and musical understanding. They will sing, play instruments, and compose simple pieces, before performing as a group, building confidence and appreciation of how different musical parts work together.

~Commando Joe's~

In Commando Joe's, pupils will follow the journey of explorer Ibn Battuta, experiencing challenges across different countries and cultures. They will develop teamwork, communication, resilience, and problem-solving skills through exciting missions, from desert survival to decision-making tasks, helping them build confidence, broaden their horizons, and reflect on perseverance, curiosity, and respect for others.

~French~

In French, pupils will develop conversational skills, expressing opinions about food, describing clothes, and using money in shopping contexts. They will practise asking and answering questions in full sentences, building confidence in speaking and understanding everyday language.