



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 5/6 pupils will explore algebra, shape, and position and direction, developing reasoning and problem-solving skills. They will apply their knowledge in a range of contexts, with Year 6 pupils also preparing for SATs through revision and practice activities.

~Computing~

In Computing, pupils will use micro:bits to create physical computing projects. They will learn about loops, conditions, and selection, designing, testing, and debugging programs that control outputs, and developing problem-solving skills.

~Religious Education~

In RE, pupils will explore moral decision-making, comparing Christian and Humanist beliefs. They will consider what makes actions right or wrong, evaluate values, and reflect on how beliefs influence behaviour, developing thoughtful and balanced viewpoints.

~PE~

In PE, pupils will develop their athletics skills, focusing on sprinting, jumping, and throwing techniques. They will improve performance through teamwork and practice.

~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.

~PSHE~

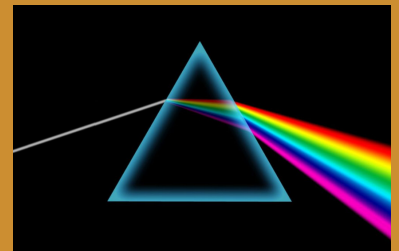
In PSHE, pupils will identify hazards and learn how to stay safe, including fire safety and emergencies. They will explore vaccines, understand risks of smoking and vaping, and learn about addiction, helping them make safe, informed, and responsible choices.

~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.

~Science~

In Science, Year 5/6 pupils will build on their understanding of light, exploring reflection, angles, and how light travels. They will investigate how we see objects, how shadows form and change, and apply their knowledge through practical experiments, developing scientific reasoning and clear explanations of their ideas.



~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.





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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.