



The Federation of Longhorsley and Whalton C of E Schools

Love your Neighbour as yourself so we can all aspire, believe and achieve to be the very best that we can be...

Hope - Honesty - Forgiveness - Friendship - Trust - Love



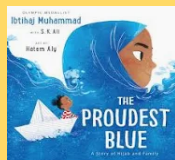
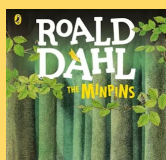
Welcome Back, I hope you enjoyed your summer break.

Class 1 - Key Stage 1 - Newsletter - Autumn 1 - 2026

Literacy

Year 1 - We will continue our reading into writing journey using Read, Write Inc.

Year 2 - We will be focusing our work around 2 key texts this half term. 'The Minpins' and 'Proudest Blue.'



Together, on Mondays, we will also write some sentences in our 'Weekend News' book.

Art

The children will be designing and making their own mask. They will be experimenting with colours and textures.



Music

The children will be singing and learning a range of traditional nursery rhymes. We will also be learning to 'rhyme in time'. Listening and moving to the beat/pulse at different speeds we will chant, rap and sing using different voices and following simple cues such as starting together.

Numeracy

The children will be focusing on place value within 20, building a strong understanding of how numbers are made up of tens and ones. They will be representing numbers using practical resources, comparing amounts and ordering values to deepen their confidence. Alongside this, pupils will be developing their addition and subtraction skills within 20, using number lines, counting strategies and known facts to solve problems accurately. These foundations will support the children as they begin to apply their knowledge in practical tasks, games and reasoning activities throughout the term.

Home/School information

We will continue with the Book Bag Read, Write Inc books and the children will read daily in Read, Write inc sessions. Please help your child read at least 3 x times per week at home, where you can.



Spellings Please practise these at home. Tests will be every Tuesday.

Homework Any homework set will be linked to in school learning. This will start in week 3.

Tuesday and Thursdays - Please come to school dressed in a PE Kit.

PE (Tuesday's and Thursday's)

This half term in PE, the children will be developing their movement skills through running, jumping, hopping and skipping. Across our mixed Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes, we will be building agility, balance and coordination while learning how to move safely and confidently in shared spaces. Each week we will explore a different way of travelling, practise controlled landings, working on rhythm and skipping patterns, and combined movements through simple agility courses.

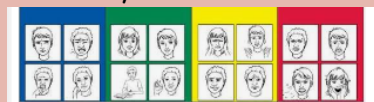


History

The children will be exploring how photographs can help us understand Britain's recent past, looking closely at clothing, transport, buildings and everyday life, and discussing what these clues can tell us about how things have changed over time. This unit will support the children in developing curiosity, observation skills and a growing sense of chronology.



PSHE The children will be learning about emotions in more detail and what it means to be part of a community. They will explore different feelings, how these can change throughout the day, and simple strategies to help manage them. Pupils will also think about the communities they belong to, such as their class, school and local area; and how their actions can help make these communities kind, safe and welcoming. Through stories, discussions and practical activities, the children will develop confidence in expressing their feelings, recognising the feelings of others and understanding how everyone plays a part in building a positive community.



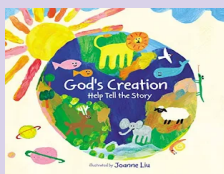
Cojo

In Commando Joe's, children will join Steve Backshall on exciting wildlife missions, developing teamwork, courage, empathy and problem-solving as they successfully rescue endangered animals, survive challenging expeditions, build shelters and learn the importance of keeping themselves, others and wildlife safe.



RE

We will be exploring the key question - 'Who do Christians believe made the world?' We will start using the children's views and then develop our knowledge looking at the first chapter from the Bible.



Science

We will explore how humans and other animals have basic needs for survival, including food, water and shelter, and will identify and name a variety of common animals. Pupils will also learn about the importance of exercise, hygiene and a healthy diet, linking these ideas to how we keep our bodies working well. Through simple investigations, observations and sorting activities, the children will build their understanding of how animals grow, change and stay healthy.

Forest School

Mrs Brannen has sent out a timetable for Forest School, which will be fortnightly with Anna.

