## Autumn 2 2026 Newsletter - Years 3 and 4

### Message from class teacher

We have an exciting and busy few weeks ahead. 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.

### ~Design and Technology~

We will investigate how levers and linkages make objects move. Children will explore different mechanisms before designing and making their own moving greetings cards. They will practise cutting, joining and assembling materials before testing and evaluating how successfully their designs work.

### ~Literacy~

This half term, our adventure takes us into the mysterious Whispering Woods! Children will create suspenseful stories inspired by *The Tunnel*, write instructions for caring for magical creatures and explore nature-inspired poetry through *The Lost Words*.

### ~P.E~

In PE, we will develop our gymnastics skills through balances, turns, wheeling movements and partner sequences. Children will explore different shapes, pathways and apparatus, working together to create controlled routines. They will practise, refine and perform their sequences confidently.

### ~PSHE~

We will explore what makes families safe, happy and supportive. Children will discuss kindness, fairness and responsibilities at home, while learning how to recognise worries, communicate their feelings and seek help from trusted adults when they need support.

### ~Mathematics~

We will strengthen our addition and subtraction skills before exploring multiplication and division. Children will develop their confidence with written methods, mental calculations and problem-solving activities. We will also investigate area through practical tasks and apply our mathematical understanding.

### ~Commando Joe's~

In Commando Joe's, we will follow the adventures of Amelia Earhart, the pioneering aviator. Through exciting team missions, children will develop resilience, cooperation, communication and problem-solving skills, learning to persevere, support one another and approach new challenges.

### ~Science~

We will investigate how living things can be grouped and classified according to their characteristics. Children will explore plants, animals and their habitats, discovering how environmental changes and human activities can affect the survival of living things in our world.

**~Geography~**

We will become Northumberland explorers! Children will locate regions and counties, investigate human and physical features and compare rural and urban settlements. Using maps and local fieldwork, we will discover what makes our village special and how it differs from towns.



**~R.E~**

We will explore Christian beliefs about the Trinity through the baptism of Jesus, artwork and Bible stories. Children will investigate how Christians express their beliefs through baptism, prayer and worship, considering how these beliefs influence their everyday lives and actions.



**~Computing~**

We will become animators this half term! Children will explore how sequences of photographs create movement before planning and producing their own stop-frame animations. They will develop their digital creativity, work carefully and review their animations to make improvements.

**~Music~**

In Music, children will explore how sound effects bring videos to life. They will experiment with everyday objects and digital tools to create, record and layer sounds. Working collaboratively, children will develop imaginative soundscapes, refining and presenting their finished creations.