



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



Year 2 Newsletter – Autumn 1, 2024

Welcome back to our new school year!

At times, Albie will be working in lessons with Class 1 (KS1) and at other times in Class 2 (Yr 2/3), in order to ensure he gets the appropriate breadth of curriculum.

Literacy

We have plenty of exciting new books that we will be reading in class. Our book-based lessons allow the children to really engage with the curriculum coverage and provide motivation for the children to write with a clear audience and purpose. Our first book has a theme of relationships and companionship. Albie will be focussing on handwriting and using his phonic knowledge to help with his spelling. He will also have phonics input.

Numeracy

Each year we start the term consolidating our Place Value knowledge (understanding the position and value of digits in a number), Albie will be working with numbers up to 100. We will then continue using our Place Value knowledge and applying it correctly, in addition and subtraction calculations. We will be working on our mental maths - our number bonds to 20 will underpin everything we do in future. He will focus on learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s, so that he is ready to convert this knowledge into 'Times Tables' after Christmas, when we learn multiplication.

Physical Education/Swimming

This term, we will be doing a unit called Multi-Skills. Children will learn the importance of speed, agility and coordination, through playing a wide variety of games. We will then continue to apply the skills to other sports, across the rest of the year.

Swimming is on a Tuesday again. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit on a Tuesday. We will wear our PE kits on Tuesday and Thursday.

Science



This term (and throughout the year) we will be learning about the seasons and the weather that we might encounter. We will also learn about the famous Extreme Weather Scientist, Steve Lyons!

Computing

This term, we will create a stop-frame animation and then apply the skills to create a story-based animation, adding music and text to help bring it alive. Be prepared for lots of small stick men drawn in the bottom-corner of your books at home as we start by creating flip-book style animation!

PSHE

The beginning of the school year is a good time to focus on our Federation rules, behaviour expectations and our Federation values. We will also be looking at our physical and mental health including the Zones of Regulation that we use to communicate how we are feeling.

RESPECT curriculum (COJOs)

In school, we use COJO challenges to help the children learn and understand essential life-skills as found in the RESPECT curriculum, such as Resilience, Empathy, Self-awareness, Positivity, Excellence, Communication and Team-work.

RE



We start the term learning all about the Big Frieze, a pictorial timeline of the Bible. We will then learn about the Creation story, from a Christian perspective and look at who made the world? We will use the stories in the Bible to explore what Christians believe.

Music

Following our music scheme Charanga, we will focus on listening to the pulse, clapping the beat, call and response and singing along. In addition, Autumn term is always very busy with singing as we practise tunes for Harvest Festival and start to learn songs for our Christmas nativity.

History

Our topic this term is Remembrance. We will learn briefly about World War 1 and then reflect on how we remember the millions that died and why we should remember them. We will then learn about the Royal British Legion and the sterling work they do supporting our Armed Forces community.



Home Learning

Homework will be set each Thursday, please return for marking by Tuesday. Spellings will be tested on a Tuesday. Please encourage daily reading and continue to record it in the Reading Record.