



The Federation of Longhorsley and  
Whalton C of E Schools



# Class 2 Autumn 1 Newsletter

Welcome to Class 2!

A very warm welcome to your new class, I hope you are all as excited as I am about the fantastic, fun packed learning we have coming up this half term. Parents, please don't hesitate to get in touch or book an appointment if you have any queries or concerns throughout the year. Homework will be set weekly on Tuesdays to be handed in by the following Monday. Spellings will be tested weekly on Tuesdays, spelling lists can be found in your child's reading record. Many Thanks, Mr Carr

### ~Maths~

This half term in Maths, Class 2 will focus on place value. Year 1 will concentrate on numbers within 10, learning to count, compare, and order them while understanding tens and ones. Year 2 will build on this by exploring numbers within 20, deepening their understanding of place value and partitioning. Both year groups will use practical activities, games, and hands-on resources to strengthen their grasp of these key maths concepts.

### ~Literacy~

Alongside Read Write Inc. phonics, Class 2 will focus on the texts 'Wolves' and 'Send for a Superhero'. Through 'Wolves', they will learn to write a non-chronological report, organising facts clearly. With 'Send for a Superhero', they will develop narrative writing skills, focusing on story structure and character development. These activities will enhance both reading comprehension and creative writing this half term.

### ~Science~

This half term in Science, Class 2 will study animals, including humans, focusing on life stages, healthy diets, and exercise. Pupils will learn about growth, the importance of nutrition, and conduct practical investigations to explore how our bodies stay healthy.



### ~Computing~

In Computing this term, we'll explore the technology around us and practise basics like logging in, using a mouse, and typing on a keyboard, building essential tech skills and digital confidence.



### ~Art & Design~

In Art this term, we will explore weather and seasons, inspired by Emma Stibbon. Students will engage in black and white photography, experiment with charcoal to create contrast, and produce mixed media artwork reflecting the different seasons, enhancing their skills in texture and composition.

### ~History~

In History this term, we are exploring events beyond living memory, focusing on World War 1. Pupils will learn about key events, significant figures, and how the war impacted people's lives, helping them understand its historical significance.

### ~Religious Education~

In RE this term, we will explore Islam, focusing on key aspects such as the Shahadah, the life of Muhammad, the practice of prayer, and the concept of self-control. This will deepen students' understanding of Islamic beliefs and practices.

### ~PE~

In PE, students will develop multi-skills through activities focusing on balance, coordination, and agility. They will enhance their physical abilities and improve overall fitness through a range of fun, dynamic exercises. Our PE day will be Friday and we will also be visiting the Morpeth Leisure Centre on Tuesdays, please could children wear PE kit on both of these days.

### ~PSHE~

In PSHE, students will explore understanding emotions and learn about different types of families. They will develop empathy, emotional awareness, and a greater appreciation for diverse family structures and relationships.

### ~Commando Joe~

In Commando Joe, students will tackle missions themed on Pocahontas and English explorers, enhancing teamwork and problem-solving skills through engaging activities.

### ~Music~

In Music, the theme My Musical Heartbeat will focus on rhythm, singing, and vocal improvisation. Students will explore various rhythms, develop their singing skills, and experiment with creative vocal expression.

