



The Federation of Longhorsley and
Whalton C of E Schools

Class 2 Spring 2 Newsletter



I hope you've had a great break, let's hope Spring is just around the corner.

As the weather begins to improve, our thoughts are turning towards lots of lovely outdoor learning opportunities. We are looking forward to an active, engaging and fun half term. Parents are always welcome to reach out with any questions or concerns. Weekly homework will be given on Tuesdays and due by the following Monday. Spelling tests will be on Tuesdays, with spelling lists provided in your child's reading record. Thank you, Mr. Carr.

~Maths~

This half-term, we will develop our multiplication and division skills by counting in 2s, 5s, 10s, and 3s, making and using equal groups, exploring commutativity, and applying multiplication and division facts. In measurement, we will compare, order and calculate length and height. In statistics, we will collect and interpret data using tally charts, tables, pictograms and block diagrams to enhance mathematical understanding.

~Literacy~

This half-term, our class will explore 'The Dragon Machine' and 'The Minpins', developing storytelling skills by creating our own dragon and adventure narratives. We will use descriptive language, expanded noun phrases, conjunctions, and adverbs while refining spelling and grammar. Pupils will also plan, write, edit and publish their stories with a focus on sentence structure, tense consistency, and rich vocabulary choices.

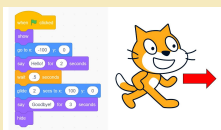
~Science~

Our science learning will take us outdoors as we explore plants! We'll identify different plant parts, discover their functions, and grow our own beans. Through hands-on experiments, we'll investigate what plants need to grow and learn more about trees in nature.



~Computing~

Children will explore Scratch animation by choosing commands, joining them, adjusting values, designing projects, and using algorithms to create programs, understanding each sprite's unique instructions in the process



~Design and Technology~

In this engaging DT unit, pupils explore Hong Kong's skyline while investigating skyscrapers and how they stand strong. They will use art straws to build their own freestanding structures, practicing techniques to design, make and evaluate a skyscraper, linking geography with design and technology in a hands-on learning experience.

~Geography~

We are going to explore Hong Kong through geographical features, transport and cultural diversity! Students will label countries, compare cities, research challenges and learn how Hong Kong addresses environmental issues through interactive lessons and engaging activities.

~Religious Education~

We will explore the Easter story, its messages, and why it represents new life for Christians. Through discussion and reflection, we'll learn about Holy Week, Salvation, Jesus' teachings, and how Easter is celebrated in church worship today.

~PE~

In hockey, students will develop their skills by practicing close ball control, short passing, shooting, moving into space, and passing while moving. They'll apply these techniques in small games to improve teamwork and game strategies.



~PSHE~

In this unit, pupils will explore money, its different forms, and where it comes from. They'll learn about saving, spending, and making choices, the difference between wants and needs, and how to keep money safe, culminating in a shopping experience..

~Music~

Students will explore musicianship through playing instrumental parts, composing and singing. They'll listen and respond to various pieces, culminating in performing and sharing their own compositions.

~Commando Joe~

Children will complete Commando Joe missions inspired by Samuel Pepys, learning about his diary and the Great Fire of London. They will explore historical events, solve challenges and work collaboratively to deepen their understanding.