



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



Autumn 1 2025 Newsletter

Message from class teacher

Hello! Everybody has settled in beautifully this week and we have been learning routines and expectations.

Weekly homework will be given in future, on Thursdays (due by the following Wednesday) and spelling tests will continue on Tuesdays, with spelling lists provided in your child's reading record next week. CEWs are mentioned on the Homework sheet, but they will be sent home at Half Term. I look forward to a great year with your children and please bear with me while I get to know your faces too. With thanks, Miss Bowen

~History~

This half-term we look at local figures in history and we will be studying Grace Darling. We will find out what she did to make her famous and why is it that she is still remembered today?

~Literacy~

Under Literacy we have a host of skills! Each morning we will practise handwriting (the correct writing position, grip and letter formation). We will have daily phonics lessons where we will learn new sounds, blend them to make words - and that helps us spell them too). We will read out loud to our partners and adults and practise writing sentences.

Finally, we will also have a class story to listen to and write about. Our first book is called Cave Baby.

~P.E~

This half-term we have external coaches coming to teach us football skills.

We start by learning various ball skills such as how to dribble the ball.

PE is on a Friday.

~PSHE~

We start the year by looking at the world around us and thinking about what is the same and what is different. We will appreciate that people have different needs, but between us, we all need to look after the planet.

~Mathematics~

Our initial topic is place value; the value of the digit in each column that makes a number. In the first term we focus on numbers 1-10: recognising them as words, objects, numbers and counting in different directions. After our initial topic, we then move on to addition and subtraction.

~Art & Design~

This half-term's project uses our imaginations and mixed media. Looking at different artists and their work based on the weather and seasons, we will use them as our inspiration to develop our own end-piece.

~Science~

Throughout the year, we will be watching the seasons, learning about the changes in weather and our surroundings and learning how to collect data.

As well as the seasons, we will be learning about plants; identifying trees, garden plants, wild plants and plants to eat.

~Music~

In Year 1, we will be focussing on listening to the pulse (beat). We will also learn to distinguish between long and short, and low and high notes.

~Computing~

We start the year learning about technology; how to move a mouse, click and drag and the hardest of all... putting in our username and password!

~R.E~

We start the year looking at the Muslim faith, who is a Muslim and what do they believe? We will enjoy hearing some Islamic stories that teach the people how to behave and we will learn about their belief in the 5 Pillars of Islam, which show them how to live.

