

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 2 2025 Newsletter Message from Class Teacher

Welcome back everyone!

This term we will get straight down to our learning as it is a busy term - we will be observing Remembrance Day and then we will have songs and dances to learn for our Christmas play.

Homework books will continue to be given out on Thursdays (due by the following Wednesday) and spelling tests continue on Tuesdays (starting 11th November). Please also remember to initial the Reading Records when you listen to reading at home - the progress that our frequent readers are making is fantastic. With thanks, Miss Bowen

.<u>~Geography~</u>

This half-term we are studying Geography. In our topic ~ Our School, Our Village ~ we will be learning human and physical geography and fieldwork, to understand where Longhorsley sits within the United Kingdom and how our school is situated in the village.

~Reading and Literacy~

We are practising the correct letter formation in our handwriting lessons and have worked our way through half of our letters.

Our reading skills are forging ahead in Phonics, as we learn or remind ourselves of our Set 2 and Set 3 phonic sounds. We read out loud to our partners and adults and practise writing sentences using our new sound. In our Literacy lessons, we have already enjoyed books focusing on rhymes and questions. This half term, we will be learning to write letters and instructions, whilst entering a world of fantasy!

~P.E~

This half-term we will be exploring the 5 key gymnastic shapes, both on the floor and on the apparatus,

We will also look at how we can travel, before joining our travelling and shape skills into a small routine.

~PSHE~

This half-term we will be thinking about the people that are important to us ~ VIPs!

As well as who our VIPs are, we will think about what we can do when we fall out, how to work together and how to show our VIPs that we care.

~Mathematics~

In maths, we are learning about addition and subtraction and how to write number sentences. We will be focusing on our number bonds within and upto 10, and trying to be systematical about it (we have a song for that!).

Just before Christmas we will have fun with 2D and 3D shapes.

~Design and Technology~

This half-term our topic is Mechanisms and we will be investigating Wheels and Axles. We will look at different designs before planning and designing our own vehicle and finally evaluating them after 'racing' them in class!

~Science~

This half term we will be looking at Animals - in particular, Humans!

First we will identify parts of our body, before moving on to discover our senses.

~Music~

This half-term we will be singing and dancing and learning some of our songs for the Christmas Nativity

~R.E~

Tying in with the time of year, our big question this half-term is based in Christianity. Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

~Computing~

Using our keyboard and mouse skills, we will learn how to 'paint' using the computer.

~COJO~

We continue to develop our teamwork skills, working on Steve Backshall missions.