



# The Federation of Longhorsley and Whalton C of E Schools

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## Class 4 Summer 1 2026 Newsletter

### Message from class teacher

Hello everyone and welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely break and are ready for an exciting half term ahead. We've got lots of engaging topics planned, and we're looking forward to seeing the children build on their skills, confidence and curiosity. Of course there is also the matter of the Robinwood residential from Monday 11th - Wednesday 13th May to look forward to!

The children should please wear their PE kit on a Tuesday and Thursday this half term.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Thank you for your continued support!

Mr Morris

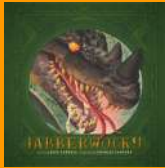
### ~Geography~

In Geography this half term, our work will be on settlements and land use. We will consider the differences between hamlets, villages, towns, cities and megacities, how land is used in different places, and particularly the difference in land use between urban and rural environments. We will then look at OS maps to complete our geography unit.



### ~English~

This year, the children have written some excellent narratives and thoughtful non-fiction pieces. We will turn our attention to poetry to begin with this half term. The children will be reading 'Jabberwocky' by Lewis Carroll. We will analyse the features of the poem, and carefully consider language features and choices. The children will then plan and write their own nonsense poem inspired by Jabberwocky. We will then critically evaluate our poems before redrafting to produce our finished poem.



### ~Commando Joes~

For our final term of Commando Joes, the children's missions will focus on Levison Wood. Levison is an explorer, who is known for highlighting and campaigning for environmental issues. He has written many books and produced documentaries highlighting his travels. Levison Wood also served in the British Army. A fantastic person to learn about and consider how we can develop our RESPECT characteristics.



### ~P.E~

This half term, our focus in PE will be on athletics. The children will develop the idea of their personal best whilst developing their skills in fundamental movements such as running, jumping, and throwing.



### ~French~

In French this half term, we will learn key vocabulary related to countries/continents and animals. We will learn specific vocabulary of countries of the United Kingdom, continents and animals from different continents and a country's position related to the equator.

### ~PSHE~

This half term in PSHE, we will initially continue our work on keeping healthy. We will consider how we can try to avoid getting ill. The children will think about this in terms of keeping clean, understanding how to prevent the spread of disease, and looking at treating burns and stings. Later this half term, the children will then look at puberty and how bodies change as they go through puberty. More information will be sent to parents ahead of these sessions.

### ~Computing~

In Computing this half term, the children will look at repetition and loops within programming. They will create programs by planning, modifying, and testing commands to create shapes and patterns. The children will use Logo, a text-based programming language.

### ~Mathematics~

Our maths this half term will begin by continuing to learn about decimals. The children will compare and order decimals, and round decimal numbers to the nearest integer. Our work will then move onto money and time. The children can also practice their maths, including their times tables, at home using Doodle Learning. The children have used this in school and have login details in their reading records.

### ~Art~

In art, we will be taking part in the spirited arts competition. The theme this year is on sacred spaces. The children will consider a space which is special to them. Our art focus will be on Marc Chagall. Chagall used colour and symbolism to show his feelings, particularly fond memories from home. We will learn about how he used cubism and surrealism in his work and aim to recreate this in our work.

### ~Science~

This term in our Science lessons, we'll be learning about states of matter. The children will discover the differences between solids, liquids and gases. They will then think about how states of matter can change. Finally, the children will carry out investigations into states of matter, such as how the mass of the ice impacts the melting speed.

### ~Music~

In music this term, we will be learning to play the recorder. The children will be introduced to new notes each week and then they will put their learning together to perform short pieces as part of an ensemble.



### ~R.E~

This half term in RE, Year 4 will be considering the question, 'How and why do people mark the significant events of life?' The children will consider the major events in their lives so far. We will then consider the major events that people may experience in their lives. Finally, the children will discover how they are marked or celebrated in different religions.

