



Lanercost C of E Primary School
Year 3 and 4 Newsletter – Summer 2024

Welcome back to a new term at Lanercost! We hope you've had a lovely Easter break.

History

This half term our History topic is 'What was it like to live in Anglo-Saxon times?' We will be finding out who the Anglo Saxons were, where they came from and how they lived in Britain. We will look at their houses, clothing and food as well as their beliefs and the spread of Christianity. At the end of the half term, we are looking forward to an Anglo Saxon day at school – there will be more information to follow.



Geography

In Geography in the second half term, our topic will be rivers. We will be looking at the features of a river and using our fieldwork and map skills by doing a study of the River Irthing, our local river. As part of the topic, we will also be looking at the water cycle.



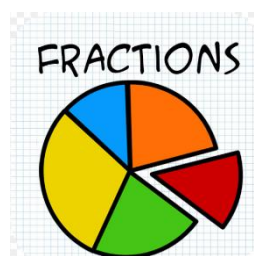
English



This term we will be looking at news reports, explanatory texts, stories and poetry. We will be looking at different vocabulary and grammatical devices to include in our writing.

Reading

We ask that you continue to hear your child read at home for 10 minutes at least 4 times a week. Please sign your child's reading record book when you have read at home. Remember you don't have to read a whole book with your child each night, a few pages would be sufficient and feel free to read books from home as well as school reading books! It is important that your child has their reading record book in school every day. We will be encouraging children to change their books as they need to. We're also looking forward to reading 'The Hundred Mile An-Hour Dog Goes for Gold' together as a class.



Maths

During this term, we will be looking at fractions and decimals and working on using and applying number knowledge in problem solving situations. Times tables will continue to be a big focus too, it is very important that children have a good recall of their times tables facts as it will be beneficial for lots of our future Maths work.

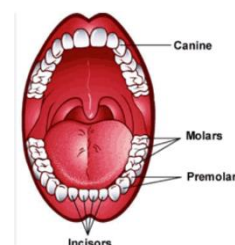
Spelling



Each morning your child will be practising spellings as part of their morning work. A copy of the spellings will come home with your child. Please can you help your child to practise; we will be testing their spellings every Friday. We will give your child new spellings after two weeks of getting them correct.

Science

This term our topic is Animals and Humans. We will be learning to describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans, to identify the different types of human teeth and what they are used for and look at different food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.



Religion and World Views

In the first half term, our topic will be 'David and the Psalms', where we will explore the Story of David and his strengths and qualities, look at the Psalms and identify different values. Then we will look at what it means to be a Buddhist, looking at the Buddhist Sangha, some Jataka tales and the Eight Fold Path. In Collective Worship this term, we are focusing on the two values of: Trust and Courage.



PE

In the first half term, PE is Cricket with Fraser on a Thursday afternoon. Children should come to school in the P.E uniform and will be notified in advance if any additional kit is needed. On Tuesday afternoons, Class 3 will be doing Woodland School sessions, they need to bring suitable clothing for being in the woods and wellies are essential. In the second half term, we will be doing Cricket and Athletics.



Computing

This term in computing, we will be using desktop publishing software to add text and images to create their own pieces of work and looking at programming. They will design and create a game which uses repetition.

Homework

This term, Maths and English homework will be set on a Friday to be handed in on Tuesday. Once a month your child will receive 'Flag of the Month' homework, where they need to find out about the flag which hangs outside the school by looking either on the internet or in a book.

A class timetable is attached for your information. If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are looking forward to an exciting summer term!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Turnbull and Miss Baty