



Lanercost C of E Primary School
Year 3 and 4 Newsletter – Autumn 2023

Welcome back to a new school year at Lanercost. Over the Summer holidays, we have changed rooms and Class 3 will be using the new classroom this year. We're very excited for a busy term ahead with lots of exciting things to experience and learn.

History



This half term our History topic is 'What was it like to be a child during World War Two' and we will be looking at different important events and rationing, shelters and evacuation. Thank you all for your hard work over the Summer. We are so pleased at the fantastic posters about different elements of World War Two that the children have created. We are looking forward to being evacuated on the train later on in the term. More details to follow.

Geography

In Geography in the second half term we will be focusing on The United Kingdom and looking at the different regions and counties. We will be looking at the topography of different regions as well as important physical and human features. Class 3 will be using and developing their map skills within this topic too.



English

This year we are starting a new scheme for English! Because our whole scheme of work will be changing, We will be sending out a letter to you all soon, to share these changes and how they will impact the children, in more detail. Alongside our English lessons, we will continue to work on Spelling, punctuation and grammar; handwriting and reading skills. This term, our class story is 'Small Change for Stuart' by Lissa Evans.

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.



Core Books

This year, we are encouraging children to read our Core Books and we have a new selection of books for the children to either read themselves or share with you at home. The children

will receive stickers when they have read each book, which will allow them to see how many of the books they have read.

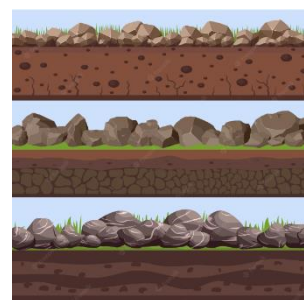


Maths

During this term, we will be looking at place value, addition, multiplication and division and working on using and applying number knowledge in problem solving situations. Times tables will be a 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 the work that we will do this year.

Science

In the first half term, we are looking at rocks. We will look at comparing and grouping different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties, we will find out, in simple terms, how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock and learn about soils and what they are made of. We will be planning and conducting experiments to explore this topic in a fun and practical way.



Religion and World Views

In the first half term, Year 3 and 4 will be thinking about 'Are all churches the same?' looking at Christianity and religious places of worship in other religions too. In the second half our topic is 'Christmas. God with us'. In Collective Worship this term we are focusing on the two values of: Thankfulness and Peace.

PE



In the first half term, PE is Hockey on a Thursday afternoon with Carlisle United and football will be on Friday afternoon also with Carlisle United. Children should come to school in the P.E uniform and will be notified in advance if any additional kit is needed. In the second half term we will be doing Woodland Schools and Yoga.

Computing

This term in computing we will be looking at the Internet and how to manage information and stay safe online. In the second half term we will be using 'Stop Frame Animation'.

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.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Turnbull and Miss Baty