



Lanercost C of E Primary School

Year 3 and 4 Newsletter - Autumn 2019

Welcome back to a new school year at Lanercost. In the first few weeks of the term we will be helping everyone to settle in, establishing ground rules for the class and assessing where everyone is up to.

Creative Topic

This term our topic is 'How Can We Look After Our Environment?' We will be looking at climate change, sustainability and some of the things we can do to help our local environment. We are very impressed with the summer homework that the children produced; thank you - it is obvious a lot of hard work and effort has gone into it. The posters will be decorating classrooms in the school for the next few weeks if you would like to come and see them.

Literacy

In the first half term in Literacy we will be looking at a text called 'One Plastic Bag' which is linked to our topic where we will be using a mixture of drama, role play, drawings and story maps to explore ideas. During the term we will be looking at checking through and editing our writing carefully. We will also be using different sentence starters and continuing to develop our understanding of different grammar points. This term another of our focuses will be working on using neat joined handwriting.

Reading

Children will continue to have guided reading sessions every week. 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.

Numeracy

During this term, we will be looking at place value, number and calculating skills and working on using and applying number knowledge in problem solving situations. Children will continue to work on our 'Lanercost Maths passports,' where they are working on developing their basic number skills. We will also be focusing hard on times tables and improving our recall of the times table facts.

Science

This term, Years 3 and 4 will be taught by Mrs Clarricoats on a Friday morning. They will be looking at seeds and seed dispersal and then moving on to looking at states of matter and thinking about planning and carrying out their own investigations.

## RE

Year 3 will have RE with Year 2 and Year 4 will work with Mrs Lawton and Years 5 and 6 on a Monday afternoon. Year 4, 5 and 6 will be thinking about the question 'What do Christians and Muslims understand about the need for thankfulness in their lives?' Year 2 and 3 will be looking at the question 'What can we learn from religious stories?' In Collective Worship this term we are focusing on the value of Wisdom and before half term we will have our annual RE Week where the topic will be 'Children in the Bible.'

## PE

PE will be on a Thursday afternoon with Fraser doing multi skills and football will be on Friday afternoon with Carlisle United. Please make sure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days. On Thursdays, your child will need a change of footwear (trainers and socks) and spare jogging bottoms. On Fridays, your child will need long socks, shin pads and football boots or trainers as well as a change of footwear in a bag which is clearly labelled.

## Homework

Numeracy and Literacy 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