



Lanercost C of E Primary School Class 2 Newsletter—September 2019

Welcome to Class 2! I hope you have all had a super summer full of fun and relaxation. It has been lovely to welcome the children back into the class this week. Miss Fisher, Miss Murry and I have been delighted to see the children's enthusiasm to learn. We have been very impressed by the children's wonderful posters.

During the first few weeks of the term we will be helping everyone to settle in; establishing our classroom rules and assessing where everyone is up to. We have also begun to think about having a 'Growth Mindset', and have been learning that our brain is like a muscle that we need to challenge to make it strong. We have also introduced the children to the Steps to Success, to encourage a positive approach to our work this year.



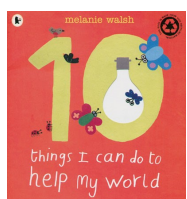
Which step have you reached today?

Each morning we will enjoy Guided Reading, Phonics and Spelling, Literacy and Numeracy, followed by a range of other subjects in the afternoon including topic, PE and RE. On a Friday morning we will be doing Science.

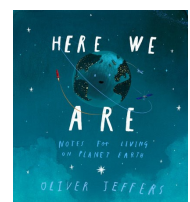
Phonics

This term we will continue to follow the Read Write Inc. Phonics Scheme to ensure the children make good progress in learning and applying their phonic knowledge. Every week your child will bring home a phonics book that they will be able to read fluently. This is to help them to gain confidence in their ability to apply their skills, and become a 'real storyteller'. Please give them lots of praise and **send it straight back the following day.**

Literacy



During the term we will be reading a range of books linked to the children's interests and our Science Topics. Over the next couple of weeks we will be looking at our planet and how wonderful it is, before moving on to thinking about how we can help to save it.



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. Please remember that you do not 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, and take it to the table with them when they sit down to their spellings each morning.

We will endeavour to change the books as often as needed. Please try to read each book twice as this helps to gain understanding and fluency. If your child brings home a book they have already read, please read it again to increase speed and fluency. In the front of your child's reading record there is a SOCC it! sheet to help you find out if they have understood what they have read. It can be used with their school reading book, but also with any other stories you might read at home.

Spellings

Children will practise their spellings first thing every morning and will be tested on a Friday. They will also bring home a list of High Frequency Words that need to be practised. These are words that do not usually follow the normal spelling rules and need to be learned by rote.

Numeracy

During this term, we will be developing our place value, number bonds and calculating skills. Children will continue to work on our 'Lanercost Maths Passports,' a copy of which will be sent home soon, which will enable you to see how your child is progressing with their basic number skills.

Science

Every Friday morning we will be doing Science. We are starting the term by learning about the Ourselves and other Animals. A Science Topic Organiser will be sent home so you can discuss the key vocabulary from the topic with your children.

RE

RE will be taught on a Monday afternoon. Year 1 will be taught by Mrs Reed with the Reception children and Year 2 will be taught by Miss Turnbull with the Year 3 children. This term we will also be doing our annual RE Week, the theme this year is 'Children in the Bible'. We will conclude the week with a celebration with other schools in our group. The Christian Value we will be looking at during Collective Worship this term is Wisdom.

PE

PE will be on a Thursday afternoon with Fraser and will cover a range of skills and football on a Friday afternoon with Carlisle United. Please make sure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days with spare shoes and a change of clothes in a bag which is clearly labelled to put in the purple tub or on their peg. On a Friday please ensure your child also has their shin pads and football socks in the bag.

Creative Topic

This term our topic is 'Looking after our environment'. I was very impressed with the summer homework that the children produced; thank you to everyone who helped out with it. It is obvious a lot of hard work and effort has gone into creating the posters. The children really enjoyed sharing their posters with the class and talking about what they have learned, they are now on display in the classrooms.

Woodland Schools

Year 1 children will begin Woodland Schools next week. Please ensure they bring a warm waterproof coat each week and a change of clothing. There is a large tub to store the children's wellies in in the classroom. Year 2 will have a chance to visit the woods again in the Summer Term.

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.

Bernard Bear

Bernard Bear will take turns to come and visit you at home for the weekend. Each time your child has his/her turn to bring Bernard home for the weekend, please encourage them to draw a picture or stick in a photograph or map, and write about the experience in his diary: what did he eat, did he play a game, did he visit somewhere or someone? Please ensure your child brings Bernard back to school on Monday morning ready to read the diary to the class and discuss their adventures.



A class timetable is attached for your information. If anyone would like to volunteer to hear readers this year please let school know; your support is very much appreciated.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Siddall

Class 2 Timetable – Autumn 2019

	8.55 – 9.55		10.00 – 10.30		10.50-11.50	11.50 -1.00	1.00- 1.25	1.30 – 3.00	3.00 – 3.25
Monday	Guided reading and Comprehension. Phonics/ Spelling Rules	A C T I V A T E	Literacy	P L A Y T I M E	Maths	L U N C H	Spelling	Topic	A S S E M B L Y
Tuesday			Literacy		Woodland Schools Y1 Maths Y2		Spelling	RE/ PSHE	
Wednesday			Literacy		Maths		Spelling	Topic	
Thursday			Literacy		Maths		PE/ Music/ Computing		
Friday			Spellings and Homework marking		Science		Maths	PE	