



Lanercost C of E Primary School
Year 3 and 4 Newsletter - Spring 2024

Welcome back to a new term at Lanercost and we hope you've had a lovely relaxing Christmas.

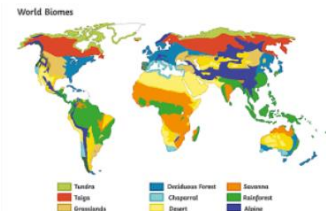
History



This half term our History topic is 'Why was Henry VIII important?' We will be looking at life in Tudor times, Henry's six wives, the dissolution of the monasteries and finding out how the Church of England was started. We will finish the topic with a Tudor banquet at the Dacre Hall. More details to follow.

Geography

In Geography in the second half term, our topic will be Biomes, with a focus on Environmental regions of Europe, Russia, North and South America. We will be looking at their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities



English



This term we will be looking at stories from other cultures, persuasive writing, explanation texts, writing adventure 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.



Core Books

This term, we are encouraging children to read our Core Books, which they can 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.

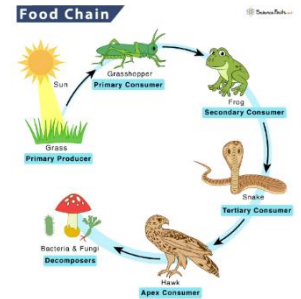


Maths

During this term, we will be looking at multiplication and division 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 the work that we will do this year.

Science

This term our topic is Plants and Living Things and Their Habitats. We will be looking at recognising that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways, using classification keys, constructing and interpreting food chains and understanding that the environments around us change.



Religion and World Views



In the first half term, Year 3 and 4 will be thinking about the story of Creation and the views of other religions and World views. Then we will look at the Easter story and the themes of Trust and Betrayal. In Collective Worship this term we are focusing on the two values of: Service and Forgiveness.

PE



In the first half term, PE is Gymnastics on a Tuesday afternoon at Carlisle Gymnastics Club and on a Friday afternoon it is Dance with Miss Alison. Children should come to school in the P.E uniform and will be notified in advance if any additional kit is needed.

Computing

This term in computing we will be looking at programming and focusing on repetition and loops within programming. We will create programs by planning, modifying, and testing commands to create shapes and patterns.



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