



Lanercost C of E Primary School
Year 3 and 4 Newsletter - Autumn 2017

Welcome back to a new school year at Lanercost; I hope you all had a lovely summer.

Creative Topic

This term our topic is 'World War 2'. Once again I was very impressed with the summer homework that the children produced; it is obvious a lot of hard work and effort has gone into it; thank you to everyone who helped out. The posters are now decorating classrooms if you would like to come and see them.

We will be learning about what life was like during the war. To help the children understand about evacuation we will be 'evacuated' ourselves on our trip to Langwathby. We are also hoping to invite a visitor (that experienced the war as a child) to come and talk to the children and answer some of their questions.

Literacy

During the term we will be looking at descriptive writing, newspapers and letter writing. We will be reading the book 'The Lion and the Unicorn' where we will be using, drama, role play, drawings and story maps to explore the text. We will also be working on handwriting, using different types of punctuation and looking at a variety of different ways to start sentences too.

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.

Spellings and Times tables

Children will practise their spellings first thing every morning and will be tested on a Friday. Children will also practise their times tables every day by completing a practise sheet; these will also be tested on a Friday. If anybody would like their child to have some sheets to practise at home please let me know.

Numeracy

During this term, we will be developing our place value, number 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

Science will be on a Friday morning with Mrs Clarricoats where Year 3 and 4 will be looking at electricity. They will identify appliances that run on electricity; construct simple circuits and name the different parts. They will also be looking at switches to make open and closed circuits.

RE

This year, Years 2 and 3 will have RE on a Tuesday afternoon, we will be looking at 'What we can learn from religious stories'. Years 4, 5 and 6 will work with Miss Kellock on 'How do religious believers show humility and trust?' This term we will also be doing our annual RE Week, the theme this year is Art and Prayer. We will conclude the week with a celebration with other schools in our group. Our Collective Worship theme for the term is Peace.

PE

PE will be on a Wednesday afternoon with Mrs Kay and football on a Friday afternoon with Carlisle United. Please make sure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days and on Friday they have their shin pads and socks in a bag which is clearly labelled. On wet days it would be advisable to send your child to school with a change of clothes.

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. Children will be retested on their spellings for this term and they will be sent home shortly. Parent readers in the morning was very successful and beneficial to the children last year; 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,

Miss. K. Turnbull