



Lanercost C of E Primary School

Class 2 Newsletter—April 18

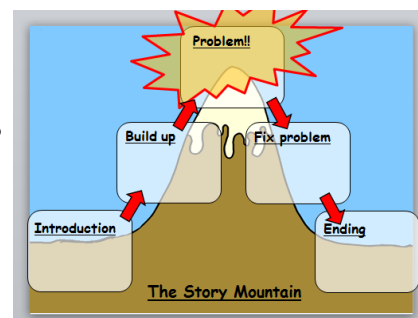
This term we will be learning about the Romans. The topic will be based around the question 'What influence did the Romans have on Cumbria?' and will focus on the Hadrian's Wall and the lives of the soldiers who manned it. The children will be visiting the Roman



Army Museum and have a visit from a Roman Soldier. The topic will end with a march (in costume) along the wall to Birdoswald, followed by a Roman Banquet.

Literacy

During the term we are reading a selection of fiction texts linked to the children's interests, and we will be particularly focusing on the build up of the plot, and how most stories follow a 'Story Mountain'. We will use variety of strategies including art and drama to enable the children to build up to writing their own piece of extended story writing.



Spelling

Children will continue to practise their spellings every morning and will be tested on a Friday. You will soon find a list of High Frequency and Common Exception word spellings in your child's book bag. These are the words your child has been finding difficult to spell. These spellings will need to be practised at home as well as at school. At the end of the half term they will be reassessed and we hope your child will have made progress. If your child has learnt all of their spellings before the half term please let Miss Fisher or I know and new spellings will be given. We are looking for your child to understand these words and write them in a sentence.

Phonics

This term the Year 1s will continue to revisit the 'Special Friends' they have already learned in preparation for the Phonics Screening Check in June. Year 2 children will continue to revise the sounds they have been taught alongside the spelling rules they need to know for the end of Year 2. I will add a copy of these sounds and rules in their homework folder for you to practise at home. We will also be focusing on using letter names (A B C...) when spelling out words, and learning to add a variety of prefixes and suffixes to words.

Reading

Children will continue to complete daily guided reading sessions. During these sessions the Year 1 children will read the Read Write Inc. phonic book suited to your child. This will then be sent home for you to have another read. The aim is for them to read this book fluently with you at home and then return it back to school. This is to help the children to gain confidence in their ability to apply their skills. The Year 2 children will be working on Guided Comprehension Activities to prepare them for the SATS. 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 evening, and that reading a book more than once can help with fluency, understanding, and confidence.

Numeracy

We have started the term by learning how to tell the time. Year 1 have been learning to use o'clock and half past. Year 2 have been learning to read and write the time to 5 minutes, and have used the language quarter past and quarter to. We will be moving on to learn more about measure: estimating and measuring mass (kg/g); temperature (°C); capacity (litres/ml). Any practise you can do in real life situations at home would really help your child. Children will also continue to work on their 'Lanercost Maths Passports'. Each morning Children practise their Fast Maths by completing a practise sheet.

Science

In Science this term we are continuing to learn all about Animals and Habitats, with a particular focus on the changing seasons. We will then move on to learn about materials.

RE

RE is taught on a Thursday afternoon this term. Miss Turnbull will continue to teach Year 2 and Mrs Reed will continue to teach Year 1. Year 1 will be learning about prayer, and what prayer means for Christians and for other faiths. They will also be learning why Baptism is important to Christians. Year 2 will be looking at the question, 'How do Muslims express their faith?'

Christian Value

The Christian Value that our Collective Worship will focus around this term will be Respect. We will be using stories from the Bible, as well as lots of practical examples to bring this value to life.

PE

PE will take place on a Wednesday afternoon with Mrs Kay. The need to bring a change of socks and footwear each week as the field can get quite muddy. All the children will also be participating in a Multi Skills morning on Tuesday 1st May at William Howard School which is run by their Year 9 pupils.

Bernard Bear

Bernard Bear has enjoyed lots of exciting trips over the last term. He will continue to 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 write about the experience in his diary, and draw a picture or stick in a photograph, map or leaflet from a place he has visited.

A class timetable is attached below for your information.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Siddall and Miss Fisher

Class 2 Timetable – Spring 2 2018

	8.55 - 9.25		9.30 – 10.30		10.50-11.50	11.50-1.00	1.00-1.25	1.30 – 3.00	3.00 – 3.25	
Mon	Guided reading, Comprehension, spellings and quick maths activities	A C T I V A T E	Phonics/ Literacy	P L A Y T I M E	Maths	L U N C H	Phonics	Topic	A S S E M B L Y	
Tue			Phonics/ Literacy		Maths		Phonics	RE		
Wed			Phonics/ Literacy		Maths		PE	Music		Computing
Thur			Literacy		Maths		Phonics	Topic		
Fri			Science		Star of the Week Ass Maths		Art with Abby			