

# Lanercost School EYFS Team update for Nursery and Reception parents



April 2018

## Your current EYFS staff team consists of:

Early Years Teacher: Mrs Reed

Early Years Teaching Assistant: Mrs Irving (Monday to Thursday)

Early Years Teaching Assistant: Mrs Griggs (Monday to Thursday mornings only)

Teaching Assistant: Miss Fisher (Wednesday and Friday afternoons only)

## New starters

Welcome to Gemma, who starts this term in Nursery and to Ella who started after the Spring half-term and who has settled well.

## Topic: Romans in Cumbria

This term we are learning all about the impact of the Roman occupation of Britain, including the building of Hadrian's Wall and the legacy left behind by the Romans. We will be visiting one of our local Roman sites and hopefully meeting one or two Roman characters along the way, who will help bring this topic to life. This should be an interesting topic and help the children to connect with their local history and the amazing World Heritage Site of Hadrian's Wall.

## Woodland School

Please note there will be no Woodland School sessions this term for Class 1, instead we will be making the most of the warmer weather to explore and learn outdoors within our own fantastic outside area. This will give the older children in the school the chance to take part in Woodland School activities. Woodland School for Class 1 will resume in September 2018.

## Peace garden

This term the children would like to plant up our raised bed area as a special Peace garden. They will be coming up with some plans for this area and then we will be inviting parents of Class 1 children to help us turn their plans into reality. We will send out more information about this opportunity to get involved soon.

## Christian Values

Our Christian value for this term, which links to our Topic, is Respect. We will be using stories from the Bible, as well as lots of practical examples to bring this value to life within Class 1. If you have any examples of your child demonstrating this value outside of school we would love to hear about it.

## RE

Reception will be working with Yr 1 this term to learn what prayer means for Christians and for other faiths. They will also be looking at why Baptism is important to Christians.

## PE

Reception need to come dressed for PE on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**: trainers, socks, shorts with joggers on top, PE shirt/top, cardigan/jumper. PE will be with Mrs Kay (PE specialist) assisted by Miss Fisher.

Nursery will not be doing formal PE this term, but they will have plenty of opportunities to engage in a range of physical development activities aimed at developing their balance, core strength and co-ordination.

## BikeAbility for Reception

This term Reception will be taking part in weekly Bikeability sessions with Mrs Irving. These sessions will take place on either Wednesday a.m. or Thursday a.m. depending on which group your child is in. We do have helmets in school, but if possible please could you send your child to school with their own bicycle helmet if they have one, as this saves time having to adjust all the helmets between children and we have found that children often prefer to wear their own helmets. Please can girls make sure they bring joggers/leggings with them if they are in the Thursday a.m. group (all children will already be in PE kit on Wednesdays). School shoes are fine for BikeAbility so long as they are sensible ones!

Your child will be doing BikeAbility on:

## BikeAbility for Nursery

Nursery will be swapping with Reception later on in the term to do BikeAbility. We will let you know nearer the time when they are due to swap over.

## Reception Early Years Profile

This term I will be preparing the end of Reception 'Early Years Profiles' for each child in Reception. This gives you a written record of your child's level of development across all of the 7 areas of learning and development within the EYFS, ready for their transition into Yr 1. At the start of term, you will receive a written update so you can see how your child is doing in each of the 17 areas and how you can help them at home over the course of this term. Please feel free to add observations onto Tapestry, or pass them on verbally to Mrs Reed, for any of the areas your child still needs evidence for. **Evidence of your child's use of Technology at home would be greatly appreciated!** Any questions please see Mrs Reed.

## Key worker

Key workers are the same this term as last term. So your child's keyworker is:

With best wishes from the Lanercost School EYFS team,

*Mrs Reed, Mrs Irving and Mrs Griggs*