

Lanercost School EYFS Team update for Nursery and Reception parents



September 2017

Your current EYFS staff team consists of:

Early Years Teacher: Mrs Reed

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

Teaching Assistant: Miss Fisher (Afternoons only)

New starters

Welcome to Halle who joined Nursery this week.

Topic

Our topic this term is all about what life was like for children in the Second World War. THANK YOU to all reception children for working hard in the Summer holiday to produce such fantastic posters. All the children have now had a chance to share their posters with the class and I will be putting them all up on display in the classroom. Thank you for helping to introduce your child to our new topic by helping them with their posters, discussing what life might have been like in World War Two, going on visits and talking to older relatives. The children are excited about learning more and have already helped to set up our mini Land Army farm and made good use of our Anderson Shelter role play area.

On Monday 25th September Reception children will have the chance to pretend to be evacuated to Langwathby by train along with the teachers and the rest of the school. The children will be well briefed before we go, to make sure they understand that we are not really leaving our home and families, but going on a school trip to help us understand what it might have been like to have to get on a train and travel into the countryside as an evacuee.

For this trip we would like the children to dress up in clothes similar to those that children might have worn in the 1940s. On the next page, there are some photos of evacuees to give you some ideas and below is a list of typical clothes that boys and girls would have worn. Don't worry about trying to be completely authentic! If you are struggling to find something suitable amongst your child's current wardrobe please let Mrs Reed or Mrs Irving know and we may be able to help. Alternatively there are quite a lot of relatively cheap evacuee fancy dress costumes available for children to order online.

Boys: School trousers or shorts, school shoes, knee high socks, plain shirt, woolly jumper or vest, cap.

Girls: School pinafore with a blouse/top, or simple dress, woolly cardigan, school shoes, socks or tights, beret.

Children will need to bring a coat on the day of the trip too.





Although we are unfortunately unable to take Nursery children on this trip due to numbers and the nature of the trip, Nursery will be given plenty of opportunities to engage with our World War Two Topic at an age appropriate level.

Woodland School

Woodland School starts again for Nursery and Reception children this term. It will be on Tuesday mornings **except for the first week when it will be Thursday 14th September**. Children should come to school on Tuesdays (and Thursday 14th September) dressed in joggers/leggings and make sure they have a change of clothes with them in case they get very muddy in the woods. Please make sure your child has a warm, waterproof coat and if the weather turns chilly, a hat and gloves too. Most children leave a pair of wellies in school for use at school. If you prefer to bring them in each week, please can you remember to bring them in on Tuesdays. Thank you.

PE

Reception need to come dressed for PE on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**: trainers, socks, shorts or joggers, PE shirt/top, cardigan/jumper, coat. On Fridays they will be doing football (focusing on ball skills) and so can bring shin pads too if they have them and if they have football type shoes (no studs) they can wear these, although ordinary trainers are fine. Please bring school shoes in a named bag on these days too, as they will need to change back into these. A spare pair of joggers/trousers or pinafore would be advisable too as children may slip over and get wet or muddy!

Tapestry

Your child's online learning journal can be accessed on the website: <https://tapestryjournal.com>
Please let me know if you cannot access your child's online journal, or need to reset your password.

Key worker

As Miss Fisher is now working in Class 2 in the mornings her key children have been transferred to either Mrs Reed or Mrs Irving. For this year your child's key worker will be:

Timetable

Please find attached your child's timetable so you know what they will be doing each day.

With best wishes from the Lanercost School EYFS team, *Mrs Reed & Mrs Irving*