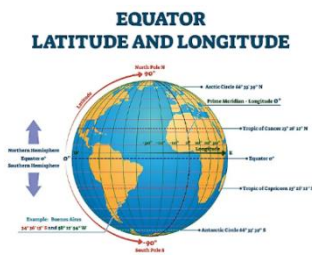




Lanercost C of E Primary School
Year 3 and 4 Newsletter – Spring 2025

Happy New Year! We hope you've all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and are looking forward to a busy and exciting Spring term!



Geography and History

This half term our Geography topic is about Longitude and Latitude. We will be developing our map skills, looking at time zones and thinking about what conditions are like in different places around the world. Next half term we will be continuing our



Stone Age to Iron Age topic and then beginning a topic on the Romans!

English

This term, we will be writing Animal stories as part of a unit on 3rd Person Narratives. We will also be learning how to write non-chronological reports and how to use paragraphs to organise information, use a variety of sentence structures and select and use precise and formal vocabulary.

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.

Spelling

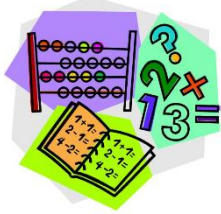
We are continuing our push with spellings and your child will be sent 6 spellings a week to learn which we test on a Monday. It is really important that your child looks at these both at home and at school.

Core Books

We will be encouraging children to choose and explore some of our different Core Books again this term. These are books that the children can read themselves or share with someone at home.



Numeracy



During this term, we will be looking at multiplication and division and fractions and decimals. We will continue to develop calculating skills and working on using and applying number knowledge in problem solving situations.

There is a big focus on times tables too. This term, children will find it really useful to have a quick recall of their times tables facts.

Science

Years 3 and 4 will be continuing their work on 'Forces'. They will carry out investigations and experiments in a fun and practical way. They will then be looking at 'Properties of Materials'.



RE



In the first half term, Year 3 and 4 will be thinking about the question 'Why do Christians believe Jesus is the Son of God?' and in the second half our topic is: 'Is the cross a symbol of sadness or joy?' In Collective Worship this term we are focusing on the values of Humility and Creativity.

PE



For the first half term, Gymnastics is on a Tuesday afternoon. Please make sure your child comes to school in their uniform with their PE kit in a bag. Class 3 will be doing Dance on Friday afternoons with Alison Murray and working on their U Dance piece too.



Music

We are very pleased to have Mrs Tuffin with us on a Wednesday afternoon for Music. Class 3 are looking forward to learning how to play the Recorder and covering different musical concepts and fun activities.



Art



Our topic this term is Light and Dark. We will be developing our colour mixing skills, using shades and tints to show form and creating three dimensions when painting.

French

In French this term, Class 3 will be learning about different animals, numbers and some French celebrations including the carnival.



This term, homework will be set on a Wednesday to be handed in on Tuesday.

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