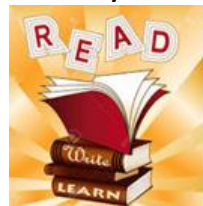


In Literacy the children will be looking at developing writing



in a variety of styles and producing longer pieces of work and also reading at length. We will continue to use our new Accelerated Reader Programme to ensure children are reading the correct books according to their understanding and interests. We will continue to work

on spelling and grammar in all our work. These skills will be reinforced during homework which will start on **Friday 13th September.**

A big focus for us this term is to use more ambitious word choices and more complex grammar (whilst still remembering the basics!) in our longer pieces of writing.

The children will be expected to learn, use and spell correctly all of the spellings from the Years 3,4,5, and 6 spelling lists. This will be tested randomly at points throughout the week and expected to spell these words correctly in their everyday work.



In Music Class 3 will be following the Charanga Music school programme, as well as using the skills of our specialist music teacher Mrs Buckingham when she is in our class. We will also be taking part in The Pearl of Africa Project alongside many other Primary Schools from the Alnwick Partnership.



The children will be developing their swimming on **Mondays** using a new and improved swimming programme of work that swimming teachers now follow. I will be closely monitoring standards so that all children have an effective lesson. Ms Buckingham will be teaching country dancing generally on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (trainers only needed). We will be taking part in The Daily Mile, our running track will be opened by Laura Weightman on Friday 11th October at 2p.m.

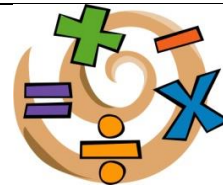
On Fridays there will be either a Netball or Football lesson. Please ensure your child remains safe by providing them with shin pads and football boots. A number of boots are available to buy for a small cost which goes towards our PTA. I may also start a lunchtime football training session if there's time!

Spanish and Geography —We will be trialling the most effective way to teach languages and for the second and third weeks of this half term we will be teaching Spanish in a block of time so we can learn vocabulary as well as all about the Spanish culture.



Numeracy

As always, in Year 5/6 we will be developing our understanding of the following. The children **MUST** also know the x tables and be able to recall quickly. We are working hard as a school to help our children to become confident and fluent mathematical thinkers. We will be adding a daily arithmetic lesson to our timetable so that we are able to answer questions at speed. Our homework has been carefully chosen to support this and will start **on Friday 13th September.** In addition to this it would be helpful if your child goes on School 360 Times Table blast and KS2 SATS Blaster at least 4 x per week. The children will also be learning about Fractions, Decimals and Percentages.



A wide and varied curriculum – We are really pleased with the feedback we receive regarding how broad our curriculum and how it prepares the children especially well for Secondary School. Therefore we will be trialling teaching topics in blocks this half term so that we can develop our content coverage.

In Science / STEM -

Mrs Fletcher is developing this subject so we will resume our lessons on this upon her return.



In our **PSHE lessons** we will be continuing to look at people who inspire us and motivate us to do well such as Laura Weightman. We will also be

carefully preparing both year groups for their eventual transition to Secondary School and have a variety of transition work already planned. We will also learn about responsibility and caring for others whilst looking after our chickens. We will also be learning to be more independent and keep ourselves safe.

In RE -We use the Northumberland County Council



Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education and will be looking at the role of Christian Aid and Christian celebrations such as Harvest.

Art – Once again we will be using Ms Buckingham's expertise and being taught art in a block of lessons. We will be looking at landmarks of Northumberland and re-creating these images in our own style to hopefully create re-useable bags which we can sell.

Forest Schools - Please note that this lesson is on Fridays.

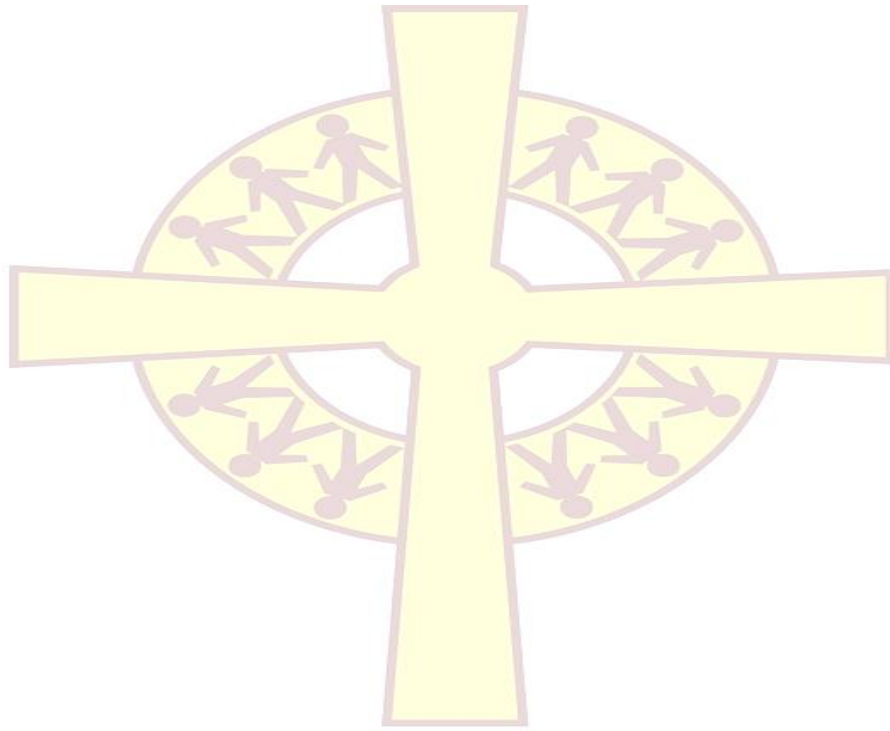
Computing

We will be developing our music and computing skills whilst using the app Garage Band on the I pad. There are some great tutorials on You Tube if children want to develop their skills at home!

History

Later on in the half term the children will be learning about the cause and effect of WW2.

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