



# Lanchester E.P. (Cont.) Primary School & Nursery

*A Caring Community Where All Can Flourish*



*'Through God's love, we are the rich soil  
where roots grow and seeds flourish.'*



## KEY STAGE NEWS

### Early Years News

#### Nursery

This week, the Nursery children have started to work on making repeating patterns. As part of our Maths session, we played Line Up on Busy Things. You can follow the link to play at home [here](#). We also have been learning new Nursery Rhymes, thinking about what our body needs to stay healthy, practising our shape knowledge by playing a new lotto game, clapping syllables in words, colour mixing and enjoying peaceful music. Our writing area has had to be expanded because we have so many keen writers in Nursery. Unfortunately, we didn't make it to the forest this week, but we do hope to get back to Forest School next Wednesday.

#### Reception

In Reception, the firm focus on developing the skills needed for writing is really paying off. This week has seen some amazing work in phonics, with the children showing off their beautiful writing of dictated sentences, while the staff have been thrilled with the amazing work produced during Drawing Club sessions. You should be so proud of your children! A highlight of the week has been Reception's visit to church, where Reverend Lesley baptised one of our dolls with proud parents, Godparents and congregation looking on. What a special occasion to help the children understand how some Christians welcome new babies into the family of the church!



#### Reminders

Can we remind all parents that children in both Nursery and Reception need a pair of wellies to keep in school at all times for outdoor play? Can you also check that all your child's cardigans/sweatshirts are clearly marked with their name? We have permanent markers in school if you need to add your child's name to a label - please just ask a member of staff.

### Key Stage One News

#### Year 1

In Year 1, we had a brilliant time at the Invasion games event hosted by North Durham Academy. We played lots of different games and everyone enjoyed the plethora of activities that we got to participate in. Once again, the children were fabulous, listening carefully to instructions and joining in with everything. Great job!

In RE, we have been learning the Big Story of the Bible – why not ask your child about it, and see if they can retell it to you, using the actions they have learnt.



## Year 2

Year 2 have had another busy week in school. We have been writing our alternative versions of Jack & the Beanstalk, composing our own melodies and working in teams to build dens in the forest.



## Key Stage Two News

### Our New Topics

In class, each year group will be starting their new topics. Our Year 3 topic is 'I am Warrior,' where the children will meet the invading Roman army in battle and discover warring Britain. This will also link in with their visit to Birdoswald on Hadrian's Wall. Year 4 will find out about Consett Steelworks in their Mighty Metals topic. Year 5 will head to the hills for their Misty Mountains, Winding River topic and finally, Year 6 will travel across the Atlantic Ocean to Mexico and find out about the Mayan civilisation.

### Boys Football Team

The Year 6 Boys' Football Team have continued to represent the school brilliantly on Thursday afternoons, and are second in the League after their incredible wins against St Patrick's and Shotley Bridge. Well done boys!



### Rocksteady Music Workshop

Everyone in Key Stage 1 & 2 enjoyed the Rocksteady music workshop on Thursday morning. The children were introduced to the main instruments in a rock band and some were lucky enough to get to play them. All of the children learned about being part of a band and how the mix of vocals, keyboards, drums and guitars have created some iconic songs and bands. Perhaps we have the next Liam Gallagher or Taylor Swift in school! We have had loads of interest already, with spaces filling up really quickly in both Key Stage 1 & 2. Whilst we offer music lessons for Key Stage 2 children through Durham Music Service and Musicworks where children can learn brass, woodwind, keyboard and guitar, we thought it would be nice to be able to offer something a bit different that children might not be able to access outside of school. We can't wait to hear them.

