

# Holy Trinity C of E Primary Academy & Nursery



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## Longmynd Newsletter Spring 2

Welcome to our Spring Term, we are looking forward to the weeks ahead and starting to see all of our skills learnt over previous terms being used throughout our lessons. The children worked extremely hard last term and we are very impressed with their progression in lessons and attitude which they are displaying across all lessons!

In class this half term, we will be focusing on a book called 'Big Blue whale' by Nicola Davies. During this English unit we will be learning about how to write a persuasive informative article about whales for the protection of the blue whale. In Maths we will be continuing to concentrate on our Multiplication and Division unit, learning our 3, 4 and 8 times tables and the different ways to divide. After this we will move onto learning about money, exploring how to count, add and convert pounds and pence. In Science we will be continuing our Forces and Magnet unit where we will be learning about the different poles of magnets and how they repel and attract. We will then be moving onto our Plants unit, exploring what plants need to grow and the different parts of plants. We are looking forward to developing our Geography unit which will be taking a more in-depth look Oswestry and Bologna, in Italy. We will be comparing both places and exploring the differences and similarities that occur and how each place is changing over time. In RE we will be studying Salvation, exploring the significance of Jesus' death and his resurrection, paying particular attention to the underlying reasons behind this and how Christians remember his sacrifice. In PE we will be developing our functional fitness, building fitness, strength, co-ordination and flexibility, and multi-skills outdoor. In Music we will be starting to explore music from different cultures and continuing to develop our Glockenspiels skills. This term we will be beginning a new unit of Design and Technology, learning and creating levers and linkages.

Whilst in Longmynd, we expect your child to read at least 5 times a week, with their reading record and reading book being brought in daily. Please can you write a comment about how they have read or any words they are having difficulty with. Reading at home can significantly impact on progress and is essential in developing reading skills. Spellings will be linked to the phonic sounds learnt within each child's phonics group/RIC class and sent home on a Monday. Your child is expected to learn these at home, practising 5 times a week, ready for a test on the following Monday. Please ensure they have practiced at least 2 times by Friday, or they will be asked to do this in their golden time, along with any other homework which is incomplete. Your child will have

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the opportunity to have PE twice a week. Our set days are a Tuesday and Wednesday, but due to the weather this might change. We ask for all children to keep their PE kits in school and they will be sent home at the end of the half term or if they require washing beforehand. Please put names on any PE kit. Maths or English homework will be given each Friday. Please can you ensure this is completed for the following Friday. We will also be sending home times table books this term. Please practice the times tables outlined in the book 3 times a week.

As a church school, our learning takes place through Christian Values. This term we are looking at Forgiveness. The children will be looking at how this value links to our learning and how they can display our value in their everyday lives. If you see your child, or any member of the Holy Trinity community displaying any of our core values, we'd love to hear about it. We will be awarding children who go above and beyond to show our values a special award at the end of each term. If you have any questions or concerns about any of the above, please do not hesitate to ask.

Many thanks,  
Miss Roberts.

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