



### Last term, we enjoyed...

Our weekly swimming lessons, building confidence and improving their skills in the water. We worked hard to improve our art skills, creating some beautiful pieces that showcased our understanding of proportions. One of the highlights was trying out wheelchair basketball, which was not only great fun but also taught us the importance of teamwork and perseverance. Additionally, we were inspired by Enid Blyton's magical stories to write our own imaginative fantasy tales, sparking creativity in our reading and writing.

### This term we are looking forward to...

an exciting and engaging curriculum! In English, we will explore non-fiction texts with a special focus on the fascinating topic of the Loch Ness Monster. In Art, students will learn about and create portraits, drawing inspiration from the works of Matisse. Our well-being sessions will emphasize keeping ourselves safe, while in Music, students will develop their skills on the glockenspiel. Physical Education will focus on athletics, helping students improve their fitness and coordination. Finally, in Maths, we will deepen our understanding of place value, building a solid foundation for future mathematical learning.

### Key Vocabulary

Solid, Liquid, Gas, Emperor, Empire, Dictator  
Hoax, Loch, Legend, Matter, Particle

#### Home Learning Ideas:

- Loch Ness Monster Hunt at Williamson Park: Walk through Williamson Park, have your child imagine where Nessie might hide, and draw a map with hiding spots to inspire a story or treasure hunt.
- Matisse-Inspired Art at Lancaster City Museum: Visit the museum, then create Matisse-style collages at home using coloured paper and old magazines.
- Maths-Challenges at Lancaster Priory: Count features like steps and stained-glass sections at the Priory. Use these numbers for multiplication, averages, and place value challenges at home.

### Important days and dates

- P.E days will be Monday and Friday
- Spellings go home on a Friday and are tested in school the following Friday. Please practice little and often at home, and return the sheet by Friday.
- Bookbags and communication books need to be in school daily
- Parent drop-ins 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of September
- Willow Lane open day 15<sup>th</sup> October
- Halloween disco 30<sup>th</sup> October 3.45-4.30
- History trip (TBC)
- R.E trip (TBC)