

Lowick and Holy Island Cof E First Schools
Meeting Minutes

Curriculum Committee Meeting
4.30pm Wed 26th May 2021 – held virtually

Present: RS, CO, MC

1.	Apologies for Absence	NG, ROR, HS
2.	Pecuniary Interests in this Agenda	none
3.	Update on school progress with recovery curriculum.	<p>RS briefed the governors on how things are going in school.</p> <p>We are continuing our focus on outdoor learning as much as possible. We have been fortunate to secure Pippa Willets for forest school art sessions on Friday afternoons.</p> <p>The children had an exciting day with Teach Rex as a dragon visited school. This sparked the children's imagination and they have done some strong extended writing off the back of this event.</p> <p>We are still doing small group work where possible and splitting year groups so enable this. We are happy with the progress being made in English and maths. The phonics programme is working well and reading is a focus at the beginning of each day with reading for pleasure groups, Read Write Inc phonics / guided reading and library time in addition to their usual English sessions.</p>
4.	Mindfulness / well-being	<p>The children wanted to create a Remembrance Garden partly in response to lockdown and also as a way of working through mindfulness work and coping with stress and worry, as well as loss.</p> <p>This is coming along nicely with great progress being made on the garden area. MC offered a bird watching identification sheet for the school which we are looking forward to using as we have set up bird feeders.</p> <p>We think this work is helping the children's well-being and mental health.</p>
5.	Enrichment, extra-curricular opportunities and external links being made	<p>We discussed how our festival for St John the Baptist on 24th June might work. We are hopeful that we can invite people onto site but we are awaiting the roadmap announcements.</p> <p>We agreed we would have a simple church service that morning, walk up to school and then have a picnic together. The children will be learning the story of St John the Baptist's life and acting it out. CO agreed to organise the readings for us.</p> <p>After school clubs are running several nights after school: rounder's, gardening, eco-schools, Commando Joe's and rugby. These are well attended.</p>
	Date of future meetings:	To be agreed.