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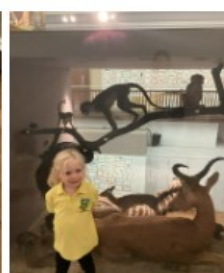
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This week has been full of excellent experiences. We began with our planned visit to the Great North Museum: Hancock in Newcastle on Monday. They had invited our older children to try out their 'Time Odyssey' iPad experience which takes you around some of the different exhibitions of the museum and engage via characters to find things out in each area. Meanwhile, our key stage 1 and Reception children enjoyed using museum materials to explore selected exhibitions and galleries and enjoyed the animals and the dinosaurs in particular. Nursery children also had fun exploring, including the 'Mouse House' play area linked to the museum.

In history we were considering the Viking's beliefs and older children enjoyed a Hot Air Balloon debate about various Viking Gods and Goddesses. In music, we were delighted to increase our stock of ukuleles and the children have begun learning to play them with Mrs Cochrane. We had Commando Joe's and cricket on Thursday afternoon in the beautiful sunshine - luckily we had ice pops in the freezer for the afternoon break as well as shade from our trees.

We have ended the week by taking part in our local cricket festival at Etal alongside other schools. The children have had a chance to put the skills they are learning with Steve on Thursdays into action.



Holy Island - botanist visit

On Thursday morning, when the tide was in, Holy Island children were lucky enough to be visited by botanist Carol Wilson, who offered to take the children on a nature walk and examine the local



flora. She had made the children their own notebook for them to take notes and draw pictures, they used magnifying lenses to help them see all the details on flowers and plants and had a very interesting time.

Sun cream and hats

With the hot weather we have had this week, sun cream and hats are essential. Please remember to name everything that is brought in from home including the sun cream as we have so many and don't want to get them mixed up.



Walking the poles next week

Please see the letter about our walk along the pilgrim poles to Holy Island on Friday next week (27th June). We do this every other year and it is an amazing experience for the children as well as the adults in school. It helps us to imagine what it would have been like for early Christian pilgrims approaching the Island. More recently, before the road was built in the 1950s, it was the route for everyone to walk or drive across so it is part of our history both medieval and modern. This links also to our school motto of 'Journeying Together'. The letter explains what your child will need and what to wear on the day. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Dates for your diary

Friday 27th June - main school children will be walking the poles to Holy Island, as we do every other year. Nursery children will be spending the day on Holy Island.

Thursday 3rd July - art and work exhibition as well as open afternoon at Lowick school

Monday 7th July - whole school reward trip to Whitehouse Farm - we will be slightly late back - 3.30pm

Monday 14th July - Summer fair and sports afternoon from 10.30am (Wednesday 16th is our back up date). No after school club after sports day but child care is available.

Tuesday 15th July - Skipping festival in Berwick - class 2

Friday 18th July - 1.30pm end of year assembly and blessing

