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Our current RE topic is called 'How do we belong?' Over this half term we will be exploring welcome or naming ceremonies in different religions. As part of this, Charlotte (the Vicar of Lowick) has agreed that we can visit St John's church in Lowick where she will help us to enact a baptism of a doll with children playing the part of parents, godparents and so on. In this way, the children can see what happens at an infant baptism service in a memorable way.

On Monday we will be welcoming a visitor from the North East Sikh service to talk to the children about Sikhism in Britain today and to make links to our current topic about naming or welcoming ceremonies.

We plan on doing this on the afternoon of **Monday 24th January** in our usual time for RE lessons. We will walk along to St John's church after lunch. It won't affect picking up times as we will be back in school before 2.50pm.

In Commando Joe's this week the children are continuing to do missions around the theme of The Queen. In previous weeks they have made carriages and this week they have designed a Beefeater's hat. They looked fantastic!



Building on our STEM day (STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) about Materials last term, class 2 have been learning about electricity. They are using batteries to create working circuits. Our next STEM Day this term will be on the theme of Animals. You can see our curriculum planning page on our website for more information. We plan to have a STEM day every term.



Music update



We are currently doing music every Wednesday morning. The younger children are working through a unit based around exploring different kinds of music including Blues, Baroque, Latin, Folk and Funk. The older children are doing a challenging unit based on Reggae music will be beginning to learn more about music notation as well

Church service planned

We are hoping to have service on the beach this half term on Holy island. This is planned for **3rd February at 11.30am** and you will be welcome to attend as we will be outside. More information to follow nearer the time.

Clubs

Eco schools on Monday with Miss Easten. Mrs Turner is doing skipping on Tuesdays and Miss Ainslie is alternating gymnastics and dance (it will be dance next week) and Commando Joe's is continuing on Thursdays. All clubs run until 4pm.

Risk assessment update

Please note that we have an updated risk assessment for Covid procedures on our website. There are no major changes at this time other than what we already had in place for the most part. Most recent changes are to do with testing and isolation rules. However, we continue to update the risk assessment regularly to keep ourselves in line with recent guidance. https://www.lowickholylislandschools.org.uk/website/covid19_information/486193

Spellings

Year 1 - Adding 'er' to words

Eg hunter, jumper, buzzer

Year 2 - Adding 'er' to a root word ending in 'y'

Eg sillier, funnier, happier

Year 3 - Doubling consonant when vowel is before consonant 'er' and 'en'

Eg forgotten, beginner

Year 4 - Contractions-Questions

Eg who is- who's, where will- where'll

Vacancy for a School Cook!

Our new advert for a new school cook is now on the School website here: [School Cook Vacancy](#)



The role would be well supported through the local authority school meals SLA team including full training and help with suppliers and menus. Please contact the school if you would like to have a chat about this opportunity.

Eco School News

This week at Eco-Schools club we explored Veganuary! Throughout the year, Veganuary encourages and supports people and businesses alike to move to a plant-based diet as a way of protecting the environment, preventing animal suffering, and improving the health of millions of people. We discussed what Vegans and Vegetarians eat, looked at the Veganuary website where we found out some reasons why people choose plant based diets, including health, animals and the environment. We looked at the Vision, Mission and Values of Veganuary and talked through how a Vegan lifestyle and Vegan farming contribute to ALL of the 17 Sustainable goals in some way.

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We also learned some facts such as how athletes can stay strong with tasty meatless meals made from beans, nuts and grains, and how skipping a burger saves enough water to fill ten bathtubs!

In January we are also thinking about recycling more, could you please send in any used Christmas cards which we can recycle for next year. Thank you.

Miss Easten