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Welcome back everyone and a very Happy New Year!

We certainly came back to school on an interesting week weather-wise. Holy Island couldn't join us on Tuesday as the snow hit the coastal areas quite hard. Luckily we were able to say hello to them via a live link up in the afternoon. We had a chance to enjoy the snow and have some play time at both Holy Island and Lowick.

We were all together again by Wednesday, just in time for Mrs Cochrane to teach the Class 2 children some ceilidh music and dances as well as introduce a new French topic all about school. Miss Adams was also doing some very interesting and interactive music lessons with the children moving around the classroom to different music.

Our overall learning theme this term is about Ancient Egypt and we began this topic by looking at the time line and the chronology of the Ancient Egyptian civilisation. The children have compiled a list of questions of things they would like to know more about. This looks like it is going to be a topic we all enjoy very much!

In science, we are all thinking about living things with younger children focusing on habitats and older children thinking about animals including humans. This is also going to be a popular topic we feel, as the children are so interested in nature and animals in particular.



## Curriculum update - RE

In RE our learning theme is about God. The younger children are thinking about what Christians believe God is like and the older children are extending that thinking to include learning about the trinity and what does it mean if God is holy and loving?

This week in RE the younger children have been looking at two very different artistic representations of the story of the 'Prodigal Son' and have engaged really well with asking questions and considering the meaning behind the parable. Older children have been thinking about how Christians know about God and what God is like. Big questions for them to think about but we really value deep thinking and reasoning and our children are good at having very sensible discussions.



### Children's Ceilidh in February

We are excited that Mrs Cochrane has arranged for her band - the Glendale Ceilidh Band - to lead a children's ceilidh in Lowick in February to raise money for our schools.



The ceilidh will be at **Lowick Village Hall 6pm - 9pm on Friday 13th February**. There will be a caller so we know what to do (the children will learn some dances in school beforehand too) and Olive will be making cakes. If you are able to donate any cake ingredients we would be very grateful. We think it will be a fun evening and we hope lots of you can come.

## Dates for your diary

**Thursday 29th January** - main school trip to the National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh. We will be late back on that date as we plan to leave the museum at 2pm. Children will need a packed lunch or grab and go.



**Thursday 12th February** - Doodlebug Day (maths and art) with a focus on having a growth mindset. Read more about it here: <https://thedoodlebug.net/pages/maths-art-workshops>

**Friday 13th February** - Glendale Ceilidh Band are leading a Children's Ceilidh at Lowick Village Hall at 6pm to raise money for the schools.

**Week commencing 16th February** - Spring half term - the school is on holiday for a week.

**Friday 3rd April** - Good Friday and the beginning of our Easter holidays for the following two weeks. School will reopen on **Monday 20th April**.