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We have had a slightly quieter week this week after our busy time raiding Lindisfarne last week. I have been very pleased by the interesting work that is going on in our classrooms – the focus on rocks and fossils has led to some excellent child-led work about Mary Anning as well as the different types of rocks and fossils you can find. It seems that we have a few expert fossil hunters in school and among the families of our children! It is always good to see the children getting involved inside and outside school.

I have also had the chance to spend some more time in nursery. The children have settled into a lovely morning routine and they were excited about the range of activities and resources that had been set up for them. Their confidence is fantastic and they were able to tell me all about what they were doing. I particularly liked it when they were using tweezers to put the green 'Hulk' spaghetti into tubes after finding lots of different shapes hidden amongst them.

On Thursday, everyone got to take part in practical maths. We have been weighing and mixing different ingredients to make mincemeat. We can't wait to taste the mince pies!

Our Daily Mile is going well – we have tried it in the morning and the afternoon so see which time benefits the children most. We found that the afternoon session works best to help the children improve their concentration. We have also started 5 minutes of tai chi / yoga or 'playdoh tango' at the end of lunchtime to help the children transition into the afternoon and to help everyone develop their motor skills and co-ordination.

Children from the main school, as well as the nursery, seem to really enjoy being outside and we are still making the most of the sunny weather. We will continue to use our outside space all year so please make sure your child comes to school with a suitably warm coat. We do have some spare waterproofs and wellies in school so we can always help out if needed.

Rebecca Simpson



Parents' Showcase

The parents showcase is between 2pm and 3pm next Friday (26th October). This will run on an informal drop-in basis. We welcome you into school to come and look at what we have been up to this half term, chat with the teachers and to have a cup of tea or coffee. I know the children are excited to show you their work and the displays that are up around school which celebrate their achievements and their activities.



PTA Christmas Fair at Lowick School

Friday 30th November

3.00 -5.00pm

Lunchtime Club



Miss Hay is going to offer a different lunchtime club on Tuesdays. We have had football this half term and she will be switching to dance after the half term holiday. Our thanks to her for thinking about fun ways to give the children a variety of opportunities to get active.

Spellings

- Year 1** words ending in 'nk'
eg bank, think, bunk, sunk, honk
- Year 2** the 'l' sound spelt 'le' at the end of words
eg table, apple, bottle, little, middle
- Year 3** words with the 'k' sound spelt 'ch'
eg scheme, chorus, chemist, echo
- Examples will be on the homework sheet

'Batty about Bats' day next week

Next Thursday (25th October) we look forward to welcoming Annie Ivison (from the Lindisfarne Nature Reserve) into school to do a 'Batty about Bats' workshop with the children (with bat facts and bat box making). In the afternoon we are going to have a disco / games session, and the children will be making bat biscuits with Mrs Smith. The children are welcome to come to school in costume or their own clothes on that day.



Sumdog

The children can earn double coins for Sumdog questions that they answer out of school hours. Please do encourage your child to login at home so that they can build up their coins and improve their maths skills at the same time!



Future dates

Monday 22nd Oct	Nasal Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 24th Oct	Reception Class photo for local newspapers
Thursday 25th Oct	Batty About Bats session with Annie Ivison at Lowick School followed by Batty Disco & activities
Friday 26th Oct	Parents' Showcase afternoon - 2.00—3.00pm School stops for half term week
Monday 5th Nov	School restarts
Friday 9th Nov	Remembrance Service
Friday 16th Nov	Individual and Family Photographs
Monday 19th Nov	Parents Evening—3.30—6.30pm
Friday 30th Nov	Christmas Fair—3.00—5.00pm
Friday 14th Dec	Afternoon Performance
Monday 17th Dec	Evening Performance
Tuesday 18th Dec	Cinderella at the Maltings (am)
Wed 19th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Friday 21st Dec	School stops for Christmas holidays