



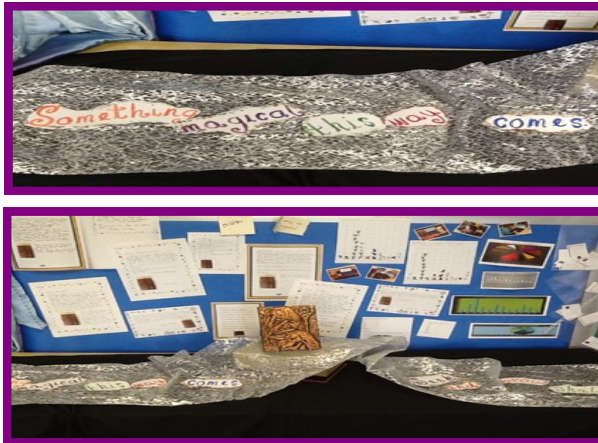
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Despite it being a shorter week this week we seem to have managed to pack a lot in.

Our current curriculum theme is Fantastic Creatures. On Tuesday mysterious and magical things were happening in school. When they came into school the children found words which they put together into a message for them to seek for a magical item. They found a mysterious book which looks very special but with no writing in it. The children wrote letters to magical beings who could help us and we found out that only the rightful owner of the book can read it. We have been wondering who or what the owner of the book could be. The children have been using the less magical and mysterious maths techniques of tallies, data tables and creating different kinds of graphs to track our ideas. The older children have created Excel charts to show what the most popular and least popular theories about what the owner of the book is. We hope to find out more next week...



On Wednesday the children had their starlet afternoon with smoothies and a film. It was a lovely day and a proper reward for all the hard work they have been doing.

Despite the horrible weather on Thursday afternoon, we still managed to have rugby in the gym and Commando Joe's in the learning zone. Mr Graham is very happy with how Commando Joe's is going in school and thinks the children are showing very good skills and especially teamwork – well done everyone!

Today we welcomed Pippa into school for her first forest school art session. We will be doing this every Friday with all the children for the rest of this half term and possibly even beyond.

Rebecca

Dates for your Dairy....



- ♦ **Wed 12th May -** Reception and Year 1 vision screening
- ♦ **Tues 18th May** Hula hoop and Zumba day – children will need their PE clothes.
- ♦ **Wed 19th May –** Reception height and weight check.
- ♦ **Wed 26th May:** We will welcome Dane Sherrard from Fogo Kirk into school to talk about his experiences of pilgrimage.
- ♦ **31 May - 4th June –** half term holiday.
- ♦ **Thurs 17th June –** Virtual Leavers Service link up with Newcastle Cathedral (our children are doing the prayers so we feel very honoured).
- ♦ **Fri 24th June –** Festival of St John the Baptist – more information to follow nearer the time.
- ♦ **Tues 29th June –** pencil in a walk to Holy Island – more information to follow.
- ♦ **Fri 2nd July –** Year 4 Move Up Day.
- ♦ **Fri 16th July –** end of term.

WANTED



Nursery are on the lookout for
a stairgate, old remotes,
mobile phones, and hats
& bags!

Christian Aid

It is Christian Aid week next week and the children have been doing work to support them in their campaign for clean water for everyone and especially in Kenya. The children have been writing letters and postcards (of their own design) to Boris Johnson and Anne-Marie Trevelyan asking for our politicians to take action about the climate crisis and looking after the environment. We are putting together a display for the churches in Lowick and on Holy Island of the children's work linked to Christian Aid so hopefully you will be able to go and see it.



Transition for Year 4s update

We have arranged some transition events for our year 4s with Ford and Norham schools (outdoors at the moment) and hopefully a wider cricket event at Etal for next half term. We plan to take our year 4s to Ford school on **Tuesday 15th June** (if Covid restrictions allow) and we have invited Ford and Norham to join us for beach cricket with the years 3s and 4s later in the term. We will keep you posted of exact dates when we have been able to finalise them.

Please note that the Move Up day for the middle schools is in the diary for **Friday 2nd July**. You will need to take your year 4 child to middle school on that day for them to meet their new teachers and classmates.

Curriculum update

We had planned to do another theme after Fantastic Creatures about Asia. However, we feel that the Fantastic Creatures theme has begun very strongly and we will continue with the theme and exploring fantasy fiction and imaginative work for the rest of this term, alongside our RE topic of Pilgrimage.

We will now have the theme 'Asia – China and Japan' in the Autumn term. This is expanded from our original plans which focused on Japan only. We hope to include work on the Sheng dynasty and the 'invention' of writing. In RE we will be finding out about what Sikhs believe in the first half of the autumn term.

Eco-school News

This week Eco-Schools club were busy designing a future country where all of the 2030 Global Goals had been achieved. They did an excellent job, including hospitals, housing for all, planting trees and using wind turbines for energy. We showed this to all of the children in assembly and agreed to do a large scale one with everybody contributing.

Our Focus this week (as well as finding more out about the World's Largest Lesson and the Goals) was Fairtrade; as it is World Fairtrade Day on Saturday. This year's theme is 'Build Back Fairer', as the Coronavirus pandemic has made life much harder for everyone, including the people who supply our food. We learned to look out for the Fairtrade sticker on our food at the supermarket as this is a guarantee that the farmers and people from other countries who grow and supply our food have been paid a fair price for their work. This means they can buy their own food and medicine for their families.

Next week we will hopefully be spending some more time outside tending to our growing veg and flowers.

Monitors, please remember to wear your badges all of next week so we can get some pictures to submit towards our Eco-Schools Silver award.

