



Lowick and Holy Island C of E Primary Schools

Journeying Together



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We have had an excellent week this week. This time of year can be a little tricky with new routines, early mornings, lots of new things to take in and manage in school, but the staff think the children have been fantastic and they are a pleasure to have in class. In maths, they are doing good work in place value and developing their reasoning skills about number and patterns in number. In English, class 2 have now begun 'Ug' and they are enjoying this book very much so far. In class 1, the children are exploring 'Alan's Big Scary Teeth'. Meanwhile, Reception children have been very busy with practical learning, including maths and music.



Lowick children had an interesting history afternoon on Thursday. They found out more about how people lived in the Stone Age with a focus on housing. After looking at different types of housing discovered including the stone village at Skara Brae as well as houses made from wood or bones and thatch they had a go at making their own stone age houses outdoors on a miniature scale. A messy but enlightening process as we got to admire their different responses to what they had learned.



Nursery news

On Monday in forest school nursery children identified the oak tree in the school grounds and collected oak leaves and acorns to decorate a squirrel template. We also collected some apples and have been using them all week, for comparing sizes, printing, cutting and eating! On Thursday we made apple muffins to share with the stay and play children. But don't worry - we still have plenty of apples left to collect around school to join in with the Lowick village apple project!



**Don't forget our
free and friendly
stay and play for
children from
0- 5 is every
Thursday
1.30—2.45pm**

Homework

Maths homework begins this week for years 1 to 5. Children need to log onto maths whizz (log in information is on the back of their reading records) and Class 1 should aim for 15 minutes a week and Class 2 should do 20 minutes a week to help support their learning. Some children will complete this in school during morning club (as well as the spelling shed homework) and that is fine to count as homework.

Holy Island botany

The island children had an afternoon of botany and art with a second visit from botanist Carol Wilson on Thursday afternoon. Carol's daughter in law, Nicky Bennett, an art teacher, joined us and taught the children how to look closely at and sketch the beautiful flowers they brought to school. We learned about seeing the shapes within the flowers and used the shapes to create patterns from parts of our sketches. When the patterns are finished,

Nicky is going to put all the children's creations together and make a 'stained glass' acetate for our window. The children worked with focus and creativity and used the knowledge from our previous session to make decisions about which parts to draw. We are very grateful to Carol and Nicky for such a wonderful afternoon.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 25th September - main school visit to the Hirsell for our Autumn term STEM day on the theme of 'field to fork'. Children will need clothing suitable for being outdoors as well as a packed lunch or grab and go. The children will need wellies / outdoor shoes as well as indoor shoes to change into and a bag to put their wellies in.

Monday 29th September - Harvest Festival at St Mary's church, Holy Island 10.30am.

We will be asking for harvest food bank donations in the run up to this festival. However, donations, whilst welcome, are not essential for everyone to take part in our service. We will be staying on the island into the afternoon so children will need suitable outdoor clothing and a packed lunch or grab and go



Thursday 16th October - Stone Age investigation in our local area for years 1 - 5. We will be visiting the woodhenge at Maelmin as well as the Duddo stone circle. Children will need outdoor clothing and we plan to go after lunch and be back before the end of the usual school day.

Week commencing 27th October - half term holiday for one week

Monday 3rd November - school reopens

Tuesday 11th November - Remembrance in Lowick.