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Welcome back to everyone after our half term break – it's lovely to see you all again.

We have hit the ground running this week and the children have been doing really well getting back into our routines and trying hard in their lessons.

The children are doing active learning with Mrs Turner on Tuesday including times tables work with the older children.



In computing the children have been using Publisher to create or edit posters about Sikhism to reflect on everything they have learned over the past half term. They are looking very colourful with different fonts, colours and pictures.

We will be doing Design Technology on Friday afternoons and our focus for this half term is on mechanisms, levers and linkages. We look forward to seeing the children's creations!

Dates for your Diary....

Thursday 11th November-Remembrance Day We will be walking to the war memorial (either at Lowick or on Holy Island) for **10.45am**. As we will be outdoors you are welcome to join us, unfortunately we will not be able to invite you back into school at this time as Covid restrictions are in place.

Friday 19th November – Children in Need: Non uniform day and donations welcome (but not required)

Thursday 25th November – Cheviot ceramics at Stay and Play and we are also going to run a **late night shopping film club evening** where we keep the children until 6pm so you can do some secret shopping – we ask for a donation of £2 towards giving the children their tea

Thursday 2nd December – Boogie Beats party at Stay and Play

Friday 10th December – Christmas jumper day for Save the Children

Wednesday 15th December– Christmas Panto at the Maltings (No swimming)

Friday 17th December– Break up for the Christmas Holidays

Rise to the Moment – Christian Aid and YCCN

In recognition of the COP26 meeting in Glasgow about the climate crisis Christian Aid have joined with the Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN) in a pilgrimage for climate justice. We decided to help amplify their calls for change by creating our own prayer boats.



Bandi Chhor Divas on Thursday 4th November

We were excited to finish off our Sikhism work with a celebration of the Sikh festival of Bandi Chhor Divas which is on the same day as the Hindu Diwali. This festival celebrates the liberation of 52 Hindu princes thanks to the 6th Sikh Guru: Guru Hargobind. The children learned about his story in RE on Monday and we celebrated on Thursday. Our day included re-creating his chola (coat/cloak) with many tassels (one for each prince to hold on to) represented by handprints from all the children. We thought about langar (shared food) as an important part of Sikh culture as well as using lights and (pictures of) fireworks to represent the spark of light from God in all of us according to both Hindu and Sikh beliefs. Mrs Stiansen did some Bollywood dancing with the children too! What a memorable day we had – the children were excellent.





Berwick Kicks

Fridays 5pm-6pm at
Berwick Swan Centre
Astro turf-moulded studs if possible

No need to book

and.....Free!

From age 7 up

Spellings

Year 1: **Division of words into Syllables.**
Eg pocket, rabbit, carrot

Year 2: **The 'l' or 'el' sound spell el at the end of words**
Eg camel, tunnel, squirrel

Year 3: **Words with the 'sh' sound spell ch**
Eg chef, chalet, machine

Year 4: **Revision of contractions**
Eg I've, I'll, you're, they've

Firework safety

The Child Accident Prevention Trust has lots of useful information about keeping children safe around fireworks.

Find out how to buy fireworks safely and start teaching young children how to stay safe.

Hear what can go wrong and find out what to do in an emergency, including how to react if clothes catch fire and first aid for burns.



Download and share a free [firework safety leaflet](#)

Governors

We welcomed some of our governors into school to talk about what we are doing in English and to look at the work being done, especially around encouraging reading.

We do have places on our governing body at the moment, so if you would be interested in being a foundation governor please get in touch with the school office.

Eco-Club

We will be taking part in **Operation Christmas Child UK** again this year and are asking for donations of shoeboxes and toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and other gifts. There's lots of guidance on the website of what you can include.



Collection week starts on the 15th of November so please send donations by Friday 12th.



Clubs this half term:

Monday: Eco -school club

Tuesday: Hockey

Wednesday: Ball skills / foot-ball

Thursday: Commando Joe's