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As we come to the end of the half term, we are reflecting on how our projects are progressing in school. We think we have had a lot of success in joining up the learning across the curriculum themes and the children are enthusiastic about our topics.

We continued our work on India and also spices on Tuesday afternoon. Luckily the weather cleared and we were able to cook outdoors. The children grouped themselves by their tolerance for spicy food (from mild, to medium to adventurous!) They then amended a basic curry paste recipe to suit their tastes. To do this, they needed to reflect on the variety of spices they had previously investigated and have another chance to see and smell them.

Once the children had amended their ingredient list we were able to make the paste using the pestle and mortar and, where necessary, dry roasting or pre-frying certain spices to release their aroma and flavour. We cooked the paste with potatoes and added fresh coriander leaves, natural yogurt or coconut cream depending on the children's adapted recipe. The results were excellent – we were delighted with how delicious each recipe turned out to be.

We welcomed Mrs Turner back into school on Thursday, to do more active learning sessions with the children. We hope to have her in regularly in the new school year as part of our commitment to being active and healthy.

We also had our last coaching session with Dougie for rugby this half term. Next half term the children will have cricket instead on a Thursday. The children have really enjoyed their rugby coaching and club and we hope to do it again next year.

Rebecca



A plea!

If you have any trainers or school shoes which your children have out-grown, but which are still in good condition, we would appreciate them for our 'spares' box.

Also, if you have any children's vehicles (scooters, tricycles etc) that are no longer used but are in decent and safe condition, we would appreciate them for both Lowick and Holy Island schools.



After School Clubs

After half term the clubs will be:

Tuesday: Active Club with Mrs Turner

Thursday: Cricket Club with Steve Nutt

Please remember that the children are going to Norham on the first day back (3rd June) - so your child will need a packed lunch, unless they are having a school one.



Spellings

Year 1

the digraph 'ur'

Eg turn, hurt, church, Thursday

Year 2

Near Homophones—words that sound nearly the same and have different meanings

Eg quite, quiet, one, won

Year 3

Prefixes

Most prefixes can be added to the root words without any changes in spelling

'anti' means against

Eg antiseptic, anticlockwise, antisocial

I had a good meeting with Revd Dr Sarah (the Vicar of Holy Island) and Revd Dr Kelsey (the Area Dean) about how our school is progressing as a church school. I explained that we enjoyed our informal, child friendly services. Sarah is happy to do a celebration service for the end of the school year on Holy Island, possibly outside if the weather is kind. We will let you know more details nearer the time.

We also talked about 'Open the Book' which is a scheme where volunteers come and read and have children act out bible stories. This is a fun and interactive way for the children to become more familiar with key stories from both the Old and New Testament. If any parents/carers, grandparents or family members would like to be part of this at Lowick we would welcome any volunteers. The sessions are already scripted and we have lots of costumes and props in school already. We are looking to start this half termly and do it during Collective Worship time. If you would like to find out more have a look at this link <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book/> or contact the school.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 3rd June	School restarts Visit to Norham for Turner Exhibition, visit to the Castle & Picnic (not nursery)
Thursday 6th June	Visit to the Hancock Museum, Newcastle—nursery will be going on this trip
Thursday 13th June	Visit from Sam Dronsfield (National Athlete) - Gymnastics display and coaching session
Friday 14th June	Interactive workshop on Hinduism with Kirtida from the Hindu Temple in Newcastle
Thursday 20th June	Sports Day on Holy Island
Thursday 4th July	Ratha Yathra—Hindu Festival
Saturday 6th July	PTA Summer Fun Day
Friday 12th July	Cricket Festival at Etal
Thursday 18th July	Visit to Holy Island
Friday 19th July	School Stops for Summer holidays
Wed 4th Sept	Children return to school