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## 1st April 2022

Another busy week has flown by and next week is the last week of the spring term. Our congratulations go to Mr Graham, who runs our Commando Joe's, who is on paternity leave this week and next week. Mr Yeadon has kindly stepped in to run Commando Joe's whilst Mr Graham is away. Our themes for Commando Joe's next term will be 'Traditional Tales' for the younger children and 'Leif Erikson' for the older children.

In science, the children have been conducting a scientific enquiry into woodlice and their habitats. This is based on finding woodlice in our school grounds and choosing to investigate further. Very excitingly, Mrs Waddington has tadpoles up at nursery and they will be moving into a spot near our gate in the near future (when it's a bit warmer) – we know how everyone enjoyed watching them grow last year.

In PHSE (personal, health, social education) the children have been thinking about how we are all connected as a community. If we didn't all try our best, and help each other, our community would be a much sadder place. The children have also been thinking about how rights come with responsibilities. The work the children have done previously to create a children's charter for the playground is now displayed around the yard. Next in PSHE we will be thinking about different jobs people could do and challenging stereotypes.



## Easter service in Lowick

Instead of a traditional Easter service, Charlotte has organised for us to go to Lowick church and visit different stations around the church set up to celebrate different aspects of Holy Week and Easter. After the children have visited the different stations in groups we are going to gather in the middle of the church to sing a song and have a blessing.

As part of this she would like us to extend **a very warm welcome to all of you to join us at the church** for the gathering, to have a cup of tea/coffee and listen to the children and have a blessing. **We will be gathering at around 11am on Monday 4<sup>th</sup>**

**April at St John the Baptist church in Lowick.** If you can spare a few minutes to join us we would be very happy to see you there!



## Art competition

A little while ago, we mentioned that we will be taking part in an international art competition. We now have the criteria and will begin working on this after the Easter holidays. The younger children have to make a piece of art inspired by spirals and take a photo of it in a dramatic location.

The older children have to make a sculpture out of recycled and/or discarded plastic inspired by helices and photograph it in a dramatic location. We will be giving this some thought over the holiday. **Please help us collect any unwanted plastic that could be useful in making sculptures.**

The competition is also to celebrate the life and work of Arthur Fleischmann – a sculptor – and we will be looking at his work to help inspire us. Even if you have not heard of him you may have seen one of his sculptures on the set of 'The Empire Strikes Back'!



# Spellings

Year 1— u-e

Eg huge, brute, June

Year 2— Suffixes ment, ness, ful, less and ly

Eg enjoyment, sadness, playful

Year 3— Prefix irr

Eg irregular, irrelevant, irresponsible

Year 4— Some words change completely (Irregular plurals)

Eg teeth, mice, person

## Sumdog / 1 minute maths for homework

If possible, please can children do 30 minutes of Sumdog as maths homework. For years 3 & 4 it would be best if they went on the multiplication tables trainer section of Sumdog (they have been on this in school so they should be able to find it). Sumdog is online or an app and can be found here: [https://www.sumdog.com/user/sign\\_in](https://www.sumdog.com/user/sign_in) Your child should know their log on details (or it might still be on your old emails!) but you can contact us if you need a reminder.

We have also found out about a free app from White Rose maths called **1 minute maths** for KS1 children (years 1 & 2) which is recommended if they would prefer that to Sumdog. More information can be found here: <https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths>

**Dates for next week** and the holidays:

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April Easter service** – please join us if you are able at **11am at St John the Baptist in Lowick.**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April** – we will be on Holy Island for the day again. **Children will need appropriate outdoor clothing and either a packed lunch or a grab and go.** We will be back before our usual end of the school day.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April** – the last day of the spring term before a two week Easter holiday.

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April** – everyone back to school for the beginning of the summer term

