



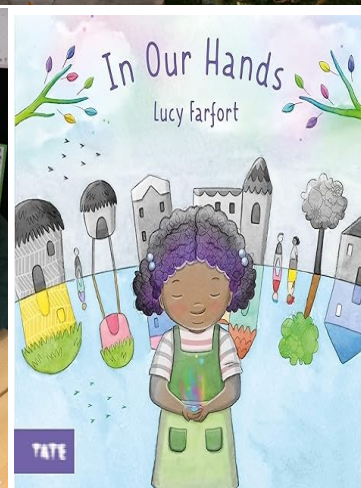
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We have had a positive first full week back for the children. On Holy Island the children have been harvesting our green beans, doing gymnastics on the field and, as part of Commando Joe's, passing buckets of 'water' to put out the fire of London. In music, Mrs Cochrane has put together some exciting planning making connections to our learning theme and ensuring the children get to play a variety of instruments.

In English, we are using the book 'In Our Hands' as a welcome back text before moving on to our class texts. It is a lovely story with themes of working together to make the world colourful again, resilience and hope. This is a book recommended by the Centre for Literacy in Primary Education (CLPE) and it has been great to see the children working together as well as doing individual writing challenges this week. In forest school, the children have also been bringing colour to life with their use of paints and natural colours to create observational pieces outdoors.



Job Vacancy—Closing date 20th September

We are now advertising for a lunchtime supervisor / general supervisor to help support swimming on Wednesday afternoons as Rachel is sadly leaving us to move on to a new job. If you are interested or know of someone who might be please share our job advert and help us find the right person!

[https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Lunchtime Supervisor and General Assistant/247488](https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Lunchtime%20Supervisory%20and%20General%20Assistant/247488)

What's going on in Nursery

This week our Early years children have created 'all about me' caterpillars, drawing or writing some of their favourite things, this has helped us learn more about our children

individually. We have been busy welcoming new children, getting crafty at the art table and being inquisitive learners in the outdoor environment. Between washing the dolls, making fresh play dough and painting using stampers, everyone has had lots of fun! We have had lots of happy smiley faces while continuing to settle into nursery again and establishing the rules and routine.



Congratulations to our Leek Show winners:



1st place:

Heidi under 6 handwriting
Max 7-11 nature photo
Daisy 6 and under painting

2nd place

Lily-Ella 7-11 handwriting
Heidi 6 and under painting
Lily-Ella nature photo

3rd place

Theo 6 and under painting
Olivia 7-11 nature
Leo 7-11 nature picture
Theo 6 and under handwriting.

Well done to all children for taking part.
What a success!

Preparing for the festive season



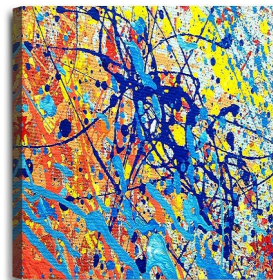
It's that time of year again and Miss Hay is starting to organise our Christmas Fair after our success last year! Our fair this year will be on Friday 24th November from 3.30-5pm, we are offering stalls to parents first before we contact local stall holders. If you'd like a stall please let us know asap by emailing school as we have limited spaces, please no cake stall as we have that covered. We ask for a £5 donation for a table and raffle prize.

Like our summer fair Olive will be collecting ingredients to bake for our refreshments that evening, we are asking for any chocolate, decorations or anything festive as a donation.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Reception subjects

This half term reception topic is All about me which will include looking at where they live and how this may be different to London (link with school theme). In RE the children will be talking about special places to them. Why churches are a special place for Christians and how they compare to religious places for Muslims and Hindus. In Art our famous artist this half term will be Jackson Pollock, we can't wait to see their masterpieces!



Dates for your diary

Friday 22nd September - main school visit to Pippa's garden for forest school to find out more about uses of plants.

Pencil in - tbc: **Thursday 12th October** - Berwick Literary festival performance for KS1 (years 1 & 2) children in the morning.

Monday 23rd October - Kirtida from the Hindu Centre in Newcastle will be visiting us to share Hindu stories, music and culture with the children.

Half term - one week holiday week beginning **Monday 30th October**.

Thursday 9th November - main school trip to the Discovery Museum in Newcastle for workshops on the Great Fire of London and the Great Fire of Newcastle and Gateshead.

Friday 10th November - Remembrance worship - we usually do this at the war memorial in the village. More information will be available nearer the time.

Swimming reminder

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Please can you make sure that your child is not wearing any jewellery on Wednesdays as this can be dangerous when swimming.

Spare clothes

We are on the lookout for any spare clothes you may have that we can use in school. We are particularly low on shorts and joggers in larger sizes.