



Lowick and Holy Island C of E Primary Schools

Journeying Together



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We began the week with a back to school service and book bag token blessing at Lowick church. The children had made tokens to attach to their bags which they brought to the service to be blessed. They had also written their own prayers and some of the children shared their prayers with us. It was a positive start to our new year - looking ahead to our year with hope and kindness. This week we are settling into our routines and the children have had their first visit to Berwick leisure centre for swimming and PE. Our Reception children are doing very well to get used to being in 'big school' and are enjoying being in their classroom, outdoors and in the learning zone.



This half term they will be learning football skills with Mr Graham. In science year 5 have begun their space topic and years 1 - 4 are learning about plants. Class 1 have planted some seeds and years 3 and 4 are investigating whether a plant can survive in the freezer! They have created a fair test by having a 'control' plant in a light and warm place, to compare with a plant in a dark but warm place and finally a plant in a dark and very cold place. We look forward to seeing the results in due course!

In computing the children have been finding out about networks and how they work for communication and the younger children have been thinking about technology in the classroom. In RE we have begun learning about Islam and what Muslim people believe and finding out what the children already know as well as introducing how Islam began.



We also began work finding out about the Stone Age by thinking about what evidence there is for prehistoric times. This has been a great opportunity for reasoning skills as well as using our hands on artefact box from the library service. The children loved examining the items and thinking about what they can tell us about how Stone Age people lived. We are planning a visit for years 1—5 to see evidence in our local area of how people lived in the Stone Age—we will be visiting the woodhenge replica in Milfield as well as Duddo stone circle.



Homework

English homework (spelling shed) is starting from Friday this week. Maths homework will begin the following week. Log in information is attached to the children's reading records to help you and your child navigate getting onto the right website. We are happy to facilitate children completing their homework in school - please just let us know if you would like us to do this for your child.



IT update

We are in the process of converting some of our older laptops to 'chromebooks' by installing the Chrome Flex operating system on them. This should give some of our older machines a new lease of life and extend the amount of devices we can use for our lessons with the children.

Dates for your diary

This weekend - Lowick church flower festival. The children have made some flowers to take part in the festival at St John the Baptist, Lowick this weekend. We hope you are able to enjoy the show.



Thursday 25th September - main school visit to the Hirsal 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.

Pencil 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.

Pencil in: 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.

