

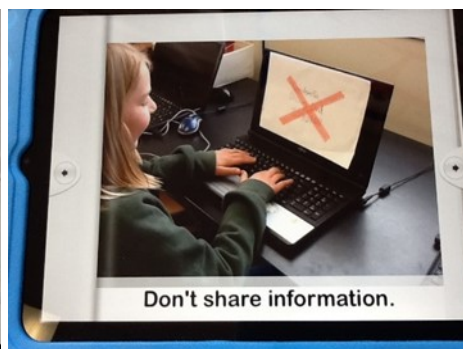


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## 18th March 2022

We have had another busy week with lots going on in school. In computing on Tuesday we followed up on our previous online safety work and the children created presentations on this theme. The younger children created presentations using the 'sock puppet' app. Their presentations were about why you need permission to do different things online (such as taking photos of people, searching the internet and downloading games). These were very entertaining with the squeaky or deep sock puppet voices. The older children used the 'Little Story' app to create a virtual book around staying safe online. These included photos to match the message on each page.



In Topic on Wednesday the children were comparing maps of London from Elizabethan times to modern day. They were also comparing landmarks such as London Bridge over time.

On Thursday, the children in Class 2 gave outstanding performances to their audience (Rev Sarah Hills and myself) around their favourite parts of Twelfth Night. Their scripts and performances were absolutely excellent! They showed great understanding of the humour, the events and character interactions within the story. Year 2s shared their stories based on the plot and Years 3 and 4 acted out chosen scenes they had re-written into their own modern day language. There is quite a bit of acting talent and we thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the experience.



## Holy Island on Monday (21<sup>st</sup> March)

We will be on Holy Island most of the day on Monday. We would like to invite you to join us for a **beach service**, led by Rev Sam Quilty, on St Cuthbert's beach down from St Mary's church. This will be at **10.30am**. The children will be singing and reading some prayers that they have written themselves.

Afterwards, we will be welcoming Thelma from the Holy Island Archives into school to talk about a famous shipwreck rescue from 100 years ago which is being commemorated in April. We will also take the opportunity for the children to do some sketching in their field notebooks.

**Please remember that the children will need suitable outdoor clothing and either a packed lunch or a Grab & Go.**

## Parents Evening

It has been a very long time since we last were able to do a face-to-face parent's evening. We have discussed it as a staff and with reasonable precautions in place we feel that we would like to be able to have a parents evening to talk to you about your child's progress in school.

We are planning a parent's evening for **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – please look for the letter with more information and booking time requests.

## On the yard...

Mrs Morgan has created a daily drawing challenge for the children to take part in (if they choose) using chalk on the yard. Miss Hay's football club is going well and she is thinking about having a Construction Club on the yard at lunchtimes next.

The children met with our School Improvement Partner on Monday and told her all about our school. We were delighted to hear that they said that they felt very safe in school, including on the yard, and that the teachers look out for them. She was impressed with the children's behaviour and their enthusiasm and knowledge about what they have been learning.



# Spellings

Year 1—nice, smile, five

Year 2—The sound spelt ar after w

Eg war, warm, towards

Year 3— In - added to words

Eg inactive, incorrect, indecisive

Year 4— If words end in f or fe then get rid of the f and add ves

Eg— half=halves, leaf=leaves, Knife=knives, wolf=wolves

## Thinking about Ukraine

The children are aware of what is going on in Ukraine to some degree, although we are very careful in school how we talk about it if they ask questions.

In Commando Joe's this week their task was to build a structure for shelter and safety, and the children made the link to the people of Ukraine who are having to leave their homes to escape the fighting.

Similarly, our older children made many links between the work they are doing on Universal Human Rights / Children's Rights and what is happening to people around the world who are suffering through war.

We are very proud of how caring and thoughtful our children are – they truly do you credit.



## Sports Club

Miss Hay held her first Football club on Tuesday. It was fantastic to see such great teamwork from all the children. Well done to Max for winning the penalty shoot out!

## Dates to remember.....

Monday 21st March— A day on Holy Island

Monday 28th March— Parents Evening

Monday 4th April— Easter Service

Thursday 7th April— Holy Island Visit (Further details to follow)

Friday 8th April— Break up for the Easter Holidays

Monday 25th April— Return to School (Summer term begins)



## Red Nose Day – Comic Relief

We have had a fun day today and we thank you for your kind donations towards this charity.