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Dear Parents and Carers

The children are beginning to settle in well to their new routines. We are very pleased with how they have come into school and applied themselves to their work. They have produced some wonderful pieces of work including poetry, descriptions, drawings and place value representations so far. Well done everyone!

At the moment, we are being very cautious about school trips and are currently not planning any for this half term. However, we still want to have some special and fun events in school in the coming weeks. On **1st October** it is **National Poetry Day** and we are going to create performances (we can video these so we can share them), poetry scavenger hunts and making a link between poetry and our current theme of The Natural World / the Environment.

The week beginning 12th October will be our 'Celebrating Difference Week' and we will share more information with you shortly about what we are planning for this. **Friday 16th October** is 'Show Racism the Red Card' **Wear Red Day** and children will be able to wear anything red instead of their usual uniform on that date.

We will be welcoming Laura Miller back into school to do a follow up to her sessions linked to Operation Encompass and relationships / friendships. She will be working with Key Stage 2 (years 3 and 4) on **Monday 28th September** and Reception and Key Stage 1 (years 1 and 2) on **Monday 12th October**. She is not formally doing any parent drop in, but she will be available after school on those days if anyone is in need of advice or support and would like to speak with her about anything.

*Rebecca*

### Homework is now online

We are using sumdog to set spelling challenges each week for years 1 to 4. Your child's log on details have gone home this week in a separate letter. The website address is [sumdog.com](http://sumdog.com). Your child will need to put in their user name and password and the school code which is Ihi (short for **Lowick Holy Island**). The challenges run from Monday morning to Sunday evening.

We are asking your child to play the games on the Sumdog website linked to the word list we set up for each week in order to practice that week's spelling rule. The spelling homework will be reinforced with lessons in school as well.



### Curriculum themes

This term our theme is the National World / the Environment and our RE topic this half term is World Faith: Islam. Next half term our RE topic is Christianity: Incarnation. In the spring term our first theme will be 'Fantastic Creatures' and our second spring theme will be 'Traditional Stories and Poems from Around the World'. The two spring topics will intertwine to a certain extent as many traditional tales and poems include fantastic creatures. In the summer term we will be finding out about Asia (and Japan in particular) and exploring pilgrimage in RE.

### Clubs update

As Monday and Thursday are quite active and sporty clubs we thought we would change the Wednesday club to Eco-club which was very popular last year. This will include art and crafty activities around caring for the environment. All after school clubs run from 3pm to 4pm.

### Spellings

**Year 1: 'll'**

**Eg doll, bull, till, well, bell, shell**

**Year 2: 'ge' end of word**

**Eg age, huge, change, charge, village**

**Year 3: The 'u' sound spelt 'ou'**

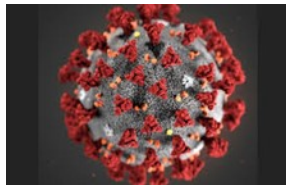
**Eg young, touch, double, trouble, country**

**Year 4: More contradictions**

**Eg I've, I'll, I'd**



We will be sending Seesaw app access codes soon to the parents and carers who have returned their consent letters. This will allow you to see our electronic reading log comments for your child and add your own. This will replace our usual paper reading logs for the time being. This app can easily be used on your phone or tablet or via the website [app.seesaw.me](https://app.seesaw.me)



### Covid update

As you know, restrictions are tightening at the moment rather than loosening. We continue to follow the guidelines set out for us in school and manage the risks to the best of our ability. We thank everyone for helping with this by keeping to our staggered drop off and pick up times.

Please remember not to send your child to school if they have any of these key Covid symptoms: (1) a new, persistent cough, (2) a high temperature, or (3) a change in sense of taste or smell (anosmia). If your child develops these symptoms they will need to self-isolate along with their household and your child will need to get tested. Please let us know in school as we need to liaise with the Track and Trace system.

If a member of our school bubble tests positive, we will work with Public Health England and might need to close our bubble for 14 days from the last point of contact. If this happens, bubble members will need to self-isolate. However, the rest of their household will not need to do so unless your child then develops Covid symptoms themselves.

If we do need to close the bubble we will be using online resources to provide home learning information for your children. In particular, we will use the seesaw app mentioned above. We will send you more information on this should the need arise. In the meantime, please stay safe and well!