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It has been great to welcome everyone back to school this week after our half term break. The children have settled back into school well and we have had a busy week!

### Discovery museum trip

The children visited the Discovery Museum in Newcastle on Thursday to find out more about the Great Fire of Gateshead and Newcastle. This enabled them to make comparisons to the Great Fire of London which has been part of our London learning theme this term. The children had a bespoke workshop which allowed them to explore artefacts (and guess what they are and what they were used for), try on some costumes from the time and to children created a puppet show of the Great Fire of Gateshead and Newcastle.

The lady leading the workshop said she had never seen children produce a better puppet show thinking about the level of detail and understanding the children displayed about their workshop learning and comparing to their previous knowledge. We are immensely proud to hear that as they have a lot of schools visiting. Well done everyone!



Our learning theme continues to be about London this term. In art and design technology the children will be looking at cityscapes and the work of Gilles Tréhin, an amazing artist who was also neurodivergent who created an amazing imaginary city with detailed history and drawings (called Urville). We will also be looking at L.S. Lowry and making moving pictures and mechanical posters linked to tourist posters for London.

## Remembrance

We marked Remembrance this week by having our collective worship at the War Memorial in Lowick on Friday.

Olive had kindly made poppy themed biscuits so that we could offer refreshments beforehand. We were pleased to be joined by parents, family members as well as Charlotte to lead our blessing and Gary who played the bugle.

The children had written their own prayers onto poppies and decorated them. We laminated smaller versions to leave at the memorial and the children who chose to read their prayers out at the worship. The prayers were very thoughtful and we know you will join us in hoping for peace in the world.



## Dates for your diary

Monday 20th November - STEM Day (Science, technology, engineering and maths). We are looking forward to our STEM day this term. We have invited 'Professor Brainstorm' to come to Lowick and deliver two of his exciting workshops - the 'Magical Science Show' and the 'Mission to Mars' workshops. It should be educational, fun and inspiring.

Friday 24th November - our Winter Fair after school 3.30pm - 5pm at Lowick school - come and get your Christmas shopping sorted!

Thursday 7th December - Christmas jumper day and the evening performance of our Christmas musical.

Friday 8th December - the afternoon performance of our Christmas musical.

Thursday 14th December - we are going to the Maltings to see Cinderella.

Monday 18th December - our Christmas church service at Lowick church at 10.30am

Wednesday 20th December - Christmas lunch day

Friday 22nd December - our last day of term - we will be having our Christmas party on that day.

Monday 8th January is a teacher training day so no children expected in school on that day.

Tuesday 7th January – children return to school for the spring term