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We had an active start to the week with Mr Skippy in school to deliver skipping workshops with the children ahead of the skipping festival for years 3 and 4 on 18th July. The children are developing their skills and look very impressive on the yard! Skipping is also an excellent way to increase fitness and develop balance and co-ordination.



In French, the older children are doing fantastic work on their typical day and have produced some lovely day wheels to show their usual activities. We have also purchased some simple books in both French and English versions for the children to get more familiar with written French from real life examples as well as hearing the spoken language and writing their own sentences.





We really need plastic!

For our art project **we need donations of plastic items** such as bottles, tubes, containers etc to make sculptures and spirals. Any clean plastic items etc you could send into school would be gratefully received!

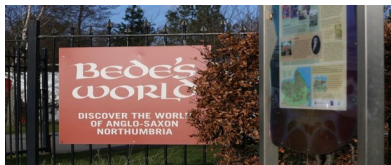
Going to Holy Island next week

Next week we are looking forward to spending the day on **Holy Island (next Friday 20th May)**. We are going to be undertaking some work around rocks and fossils on the beach as well as geography fieldwork on how busy Holy Island can be (looking at the number of cars and the number of people on the streets at different times). This will link into maths work on statistics and charts as well as thinking about real life problems and what could be done to solve them. **Children will need a packed lunch or order a grab and go from school.** They will need **suitable footwear and outdoor clothing** depending on the weather (raincoats or sun-hats!) School uniform tops should be fine.



Church service on Wednesday 25th May

We will be going to Lowick church at 10.30am on Wednesday the last week of this half term for a church service on the theme of Saint Bede. Children will be doing readings and writing their own prayers for this service and you are very welcome to join us. This links in to the work we are doing in school on the Northern Saints and Northumberland's history.



We plan to visit Bede's world at Jarrow Hall in September next term to follow up on this work and also to make links with our autumn topic of 'Food and Farming' (they do workshops on Anglo Saxon farming as well as about St Bede – it should be a good trip).

Starlets reward – trip to the park!

Juno, Leo and Noah have pooled together their starlet rewards to buy the whole school a trip to the park in Lowick. We will be taking the children for a play in the park on **Monday 23rd May** in the afternoon (during lunchtime play time).



Huggy Wuggy and PEGI ratings.

There have been some alarming stories in the press about Huggy Wuggy. I have found this article useful in understanding more about it: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/andyrobertson/2022/04/15/dont-panic-what-parents-really-need-to-know-about-huggy-wuggy/?sh=6eeb20cf4422>

Importantly for us, as a first school, with young children, is that this game is rated 13 by PEGI and therefore is not suitable for children in our school. Please be careful about what your children are exposed to online. In school we regularly talk to the children about how to be safe online and what is appropriate and we are sure you will be doing the same at home.

School Money



We have some exciting news.... we will soon be going live with a new school app to enable cashless payments. Mrs Telfer is completing the training next week and we will update you when we are live and provide some guidance on how to get up and running.

Spellings

Year 1— Er digraph Eg - better, letter, under

Year 3—prefixes Re Eg—revisit, react, reappear

Year 2—more homophones Eg— there, their

Year 4—commonly misspelled words