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We kicked off the week with a fantastic trip to the Centre for Life in Newcastle. The children have been telling me about what they did and what they saw all week. Highlights were the ice skating, the space zone and the planetarium. They have been inspired to produce some great written work describing their visit and the older children have been considering whether the activities on offer constitute 'value for money'.



We have linked in our art work this week to *Starry Night* by Vincent Van Gogh. This has inspired some mixed media work using pencil, paint and oil pastels. The children have worked beautifully to create some very impressive night skies.

Active lunchtimes have been fun too. The children have had a javelin throwing challenge where they had to try to throw the foam 'javelins' through circles. They also had a hockey challenge testing their agility and accuracy, manoeuvring around cones and scoring goals. We look forward to more active challenges in the following lunchtimes.

Next Friday (31st January) we will be spending the day on Holy Island (returning to Lowick before the end of the school day). The day has an RE theme and the children will need a packed lunch (or a grab and go from Margaret). They will also need appropriate outdoor clothing to keep warm and/or dry as we plan to be outdoors in the afternoon.

The visit includes nursery children who will do their own versions of our activities and hopefully enjoy the Holy Island school environment. The causeway is open during the day if nursery parents want to pick up their children at the end of the morning or lunchtime.

Please note that there will be no family assembly on Friday 31st January due to this trip.

Rebecca

After school Clubs

These are all from 3.00—4.00pm:

- Monday:** Hockey Club with Mrs Turner
- Tuesday:** Cookery Club with Mrs Edmison & Margaret (for children who have a pre-booked place)
- Wednesday:** Badminton Club with Miss Ainsley
- Thursday:** Eco-schools club with Mrs Strangeways



Spellings

- Year 1** Adding 'est' to adjectives where no change is needed to the root word
Eg loudest, slowest, quietest
- Year 2** The last consonant letter of the root word is doubled to keep the a, e, i, o, u sound (short vowel – eg 'a' as in ant).
Exception: The letter 'x' is never doubled: mixing, mixed, boxer, sixes.
Eg patting, patted; humming, hummed
dropping, dropped; sadder, saddest
fatter, fattest; runner, runny
- Year 3** More suffix 'ous'
In these words, 'our' is changed to 'or' before 'ous' is added
Eg humour, humorous; glamour, glamorous,
Vigour, vigorous
- Year 4** Contractions 2—Demonstratives
Eg there will - there'll; there is - there's

Chinese New Year

Reminder – on Monday (27th January) we are celebrating Chinese New Year with a Chinese banquet at lunchtime. Our thanks to Margaret for creating a special meal for this occasion.



Christian Aid Coffee Afternoon – Thursday 13th February 2pm

As part of our RE work we are looking at the work done by Christian Aid, in particular for displaced persons. The children will be finding out more about what they do and why, as well as creating displays to go up in church. We are planning to hold a coffee afternoon at Lowick school to raise money for Christian Aid on Thursday 13th February at 2pm. You are all warmly invited to attend.



Dates for your Diary

- Monday 27th Jan** Chinese Banquet to celebrate Chinese New Year
- Friday 31st Jan** Visit to Holy Island, including nursery. Packed Lunch or Grab & Go needed
- Friday 14th Feb** School stops for half term week
- Monday 24th Feb** School restarts
- Tuesday 31st March** Running Festival at Ford First School
- Friday 3rd April** School stops for Easter holidays
- Monday 20th April** School restarts
- Mon 8th—Wed 10th June** Year 4 Residential at Hawkhirst, Kielder