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First of all, a huge thank you to everyone in the school community who have helped make this half term such a pleasure! We have crammed so much into the last 8 weeks it has truly been a wonderful and rich experience. Looking back now, I can see how far our children have come in that time. They are already that little bit more mature, settled in well and curious and engaged about their learning.

This week we have welcomed lots of visitors into school. We met staff from our link school in Suffolk (St Mary's RC Primary School in Lowestoft). Their children had made a video about their school and local environment to share with us and we are going to be making a reply in the next half term. They are also very committed to outdoor learning and we are already sharing lots of interesting ideas. We showed them our exciting 'movie trailers'. They enjoyed being in school so much that they stayed all morning and for lunch before going across to Holy Island for the afternoon. We look forward to working with them more over the year.

We also had visitors from the Great North Maths Hub, as well as their national partner from 'Teaching for Mastery'. They came to see what impact our Readiness for Mastery programme was having and to talk about our action plan for the year. They thoroughly enjoyed their visit and also stayed all morning, for lunch and into the afternoon. It was great to get positive feedback about the work we are doing here and the changes we have made which are having a strong impact already.

Our 'Batty about Bats' day on Thursday was a great deal of fun. The ladies from Lindisfarne Nature Reserve came and did a workshop with the children all about bats. They were very impressed with our children. We then made bat biscuits before having our disco and games in the afternoon. I now have a better understanding of how good Lowick and Holy Island people are at dancing. That includes the adults who excelled themselves at 'Baby Shark'!



Everyone here in school would like to wish you all a restful and happy half term holiday and we look forward to coming back together in November.

Rebecca Simpson

Parking

If you are dropping off or picking your child up from school by car, we ask that you are considerate and take note of the keep clear zig-zag zone in front of school. We would hate for there to be any traffic incident or injury outside of our school. Thank you for your help with this.

If you are bringing your child to school or collecting them at normal start and finishing times, we would appreciate it if you would not park in the staff car park

Thank you



Science news

We have a new and exciting piece of equipment here in school. Mrs Stansen visited the Hancock Museum in Newcastle to attend a conference with scientists from Durham University. We have been given a wildlife camera to help us take part in a research project into mammals in Great Britain.

Our school will become a 'trapper' by setting up our own camera trap and uploading pictures to the research website. We can also be 'spotters', identifying the mammals we spot. What we capture on camera will be vital information for the project as they are keen to get more information about mammals in Northumberland.

We will keep you updated about our work and what we find out!



Remembrance

We will be remembering all those who died in, or as a result of, conflict on Friday 9th November. Children have already been making poppies for Holy Island and for Lowick, especially as they are aiming to have 100 poppies on display on Holy Island to mark the fact that this year is the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. Due to the high tides, we will be marking this separately on Holy Island and in Lowick. Holy Island children will be walking to the monument on Lindisfarne.

Lowick children will be walking to the monument in Lowick village that afternoon. We will be setting off to do this as 2pm and we would be pleased if you are able to join us. You are also warmly welcome to come back to school for a cup of tea or coffee afterwards.

In the meantime, we will be selling poppies in school during that week.



Future dates

Monday 5th Nov	School restarts
Friday 9th Nov	Remembrance Service
Friday 16th Nov	Individual and Family Photographs
Monday 19th Nov	Parents Evening—3.30—6.30pm
Friday 30th Nov	Christmas Fair—3.00—5.00pm
Friday 14th Dec	Afternoon Performance
Monday 17th Dec	Evening Performance
Tuesday 18th Dec	Cinderella at the Mallings (am)
Wed 19th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Friday 21st Dec	School stops for Christmas holidays

Spellings

Year 1	Division of words into syllables eg pocket, rabbit, carrot, sunset
Year 2	the 'i' sound spelt 'el' at the end of words eg camel, squirrel, travel, towel
Year 3	words with the 'sh' sound spelt 'ch' eg chef, chalet, machine, brochure

Examples will be on the homework sheet

Spellings will be set on a Monday and are due in the following Monday