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First of all, we need to say congratulations and well done to Mrs Strangeways. She has completed and passed her Thrive Practitioner training. This is an intensive 10 day course where she has studied some of the neuro-biology behind behaviour as well as spending time exploring a toolkit of strategies and approaches to support children's positive development and behaviour.



The Thrive approach helps us to see behaviour as communication. We can then plan lessons and activities in school either to respond to the children's particular needs or, more generally, to teach them about their own behaviour and build empathy, social skills and resilience. A key part of this is 'PLACE' – in our school we are playful, loving, accepting, curious and empathetic.



We have also had excellent training this week from Ruby and Joyce (from Sensory Support) to help the staff understand how to be more aware of the challenges of being visually impaired. We all agree that this training was really helpful and Ruby did a brilliant job. Thank you very much!

We are looking forward to our visit to Edinburgh Botanical Gardens on Monday. Please remember to provide your child/children with a packed lunch and suitable outdoor clothing (depending on the weather!) We will be back late at 4pm on that day.

*Rebecca*

### New Sumdog Maths Challenge

- running until 2<sup>nd</sup> June.



We have set a new Sumdog maths challenge for May (and the first weekend of June) at the request of the children who enjoyed the Bank Holiday challenge for class 2. This challenge is open to all of the children in class 1 and class 2. If you are having difficulty accessing the Sumdog website at home please let us know.

### Parent Questionnaire

Thank you for your replies to our parent questionnaire. Please see attached the outcomes of your responses. We appreciate all your encouragement and suggestions.

### Visit to the Botanic Gardens on Monday

Please remember that your child will need a packed lunch from home on Monday (13th) if you have not ordered a Grab & Go. There will be no hot dinners that day so Nursery parents will also need to provide a packed lunch or order a Grab & Go if your child is staying for lunch.

Also, please remember that the children will not be back until approx. 4pm.



### Spellings

- Year 1** the digraph 'er'  
Unstressed sound at the end of a word  
Eg better, letter, under, Summer
- Year 2** Homophones—words that sound the same but have different meanings  
Eg their, there, they're, see, sea
- Year 3** **Prefixes**  
Most prefixes can be added to the root words without any changes in spelling  
'inter' means between or among  
Eg interact, international, intercity

Thank you for all of the out of date spices you donated for our art lesson. The smell in school was quite incredible and I felt very hungry all afternoon! We are excited to welcome Pippa (Amba's mum) into school on Tuesday afternoon to do an interactive workshop on Indian art, printing and singing.



### Dates for your Diary

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| <b>Monday 13th May</b>    | Visit to the Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh—nursery not going on this trip         |
| <b>Friday 24th May</b>    | Indian Banquet      School stops for half term week                              |
| <b>Monday 3rd June</b>    | School restarts + Visit to Norham—nursery not going on this trip                 |
| <b>Thursday 6th June</b>  | Visit to the Hancock Museum, Newcastle—nursery <b>will be</b> going on this trip |
| <b>Thursday 20th June</b> | Sports Day on Holy Island  |
| <b>Saturday 6th July</b>  | PTA Summer Fun Day   |
| <b>Friday 12th July</b>   | Cricket Festival at Etal   |
| <b>Thursday 18th July</b> | Visit to Holy Island   |
| <b>Friday 19th July</b>   | School Stops for Summer holidays   |
| <b>Wed 4th Sept</b>       | Children return to school  |