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The children have now settled down well into the school routines after the holidays and they have been working well. In our Early Years forest school on Monday the children were thinking about birds, they did some bird spotting, made nests and birds to go in them.

In science the older children were thinking about eating a balanced diet and nutrition whilst the younger children were categorising animals. This is part of our science learning theme this half term on animals, including humans. In computing the children have begun work on recording audio and making their own podcasts. In music, the children enjoyed playing instruments - they needed to listen to their peers whilst they played in order to play in time with each other.

This week in maths the year 4s had their turn for doing practical maths on Holy Island. Meanwhile, year 3 did a parallel lesson at Lowick. We were investigating who has the biggest yard (Lowick or Holy Island) and by how much. This involved estimating skills and accurate measurement in metres. The children also did work in history on the Ancient Greeks' method of sending secret messages - very exciting!



First Aid training for year 3s and 4s

As well as our usual lessons we were delighted that Miss Ainslie could come into school today and teach our year 3s and 4s about first aid and resuscitation skills. We believe it is very important that our children learn about keeping themselves safe and how to help others in an emergency.



Community Lunch

In PSHE the children have been thinking about our links to the local community and you will remember that they did a local walk last week to begin the topic. As part of this, we would like to host a community lunch for people in our local community. We are planning to do this on Friday 7th February at 12pm. The children are creating posters to go up in our local area and we will be sharing this online also.

As you will appreciate, spaces will be limited and we would like to include the local community as well as family members however, there should be enough spaces for one family member for each pupil - we will be creating a link for a booking form shortly and we will share this via email and on facebook.

Our sympathy

We were very sad to hear of the passing of Brian Patterson who worked for Holy Island school for many years and was a wonderful part of our school community. We all send our sincere sympathy to his family.

Dates for your diary

Friday 7th February - community lunch in school

Tuesday 18th February - whole school visit to Holy Island

Friday 21st February - STEM Day - The Code Show (this will include a drop in session for parents and the community after school) <https://thecodeshow.info/>

Spring half term holiday is the week commencing **24th February**

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day

Tuesday 11th March to Wednesday 12th March - year 4 residential at Ford Castle

Easter holiday is from **14th April** for two weeks.

