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Welcome back everyone to our new half term. This week the year 4 children visited Scremerston First School to meet up and make friends with their year 4 peers from other local first schools who they will be attending the residential visit with next week. They had a fun pancake day themed afternoon. Meanwhile, back at school, we created a multi sensory experience in RE to tell the story of Holy Week and Easter. The children were able to think about the emotions within the story as well as the key events captured afterwards in drawings or drama. To help make it memorable we acted out events, had music, textures, food, frozen stones and twinkling lights to symbolise what happened as the story unfolded.



We enjoyed World Book Day on Thursday. The children were allowed to dress up or wear their own clothes. As part of the day we talked about our favourite books, we had 'book themed' maths lessons, took part in the BBC live lesson in English and had our usual Commando Joe's and history in the afternoon. In nursery, there was a themed Stay and Play with red and blue cupcakes to represent the Smeds and the Smoos.





STEM Fun

We bought a Turing Tumble marble powered computer with a STEM grant for extra curricular activities. We have been using it in 'morning club' and the children who have chosen to have a go have really enjoyed solving the puzzles linked to the space story and managing to programme desired outcomes including a repeating pattern. Great problem solving and

logical thinking involved, as well as teamwork - well done! To find out more about what we are doing you can see their website here:

<https://upperstory.com/en/turingtumble/>



Clubs this half term

We have a change in clubs - we are delighted to let you know that Charlotte Morgan has offered to lead to choir club on Tuesdays (supported by staff) instead of film club. This means that we will be linked in to SingFest in Berwick and will be able to take part in their workshops and their SingFest festival in May. More details to follow next half term.

Monday: art club

Tuesday: choir

Wednesday: active / sports club

Thursday: Commando Joe's club

Friday: lego club



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Education Services



St Cuthbert's Centre

The United Reformed Church on Holy Island

Friday 21st March 3.30-5pm

As part of four days of celebrations for St. Cuthbert's day
family afternoon- All island families welcome
Storytelling, singing, crafts and refreshments.
We will also be making new fish to decorate
St. Mary's Fisherman's Alter

Maundy Thursday 17th April 11am-12.30pm

As part Holy Week on Holy Island
Messy Church for Children with their grown up
Easter Story, songs crafts and refreshments
All families welcome
Spaces limited so book in with Revd Kay
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CHURCHES TOGETHER FAMILY EVENTS ON HOLY ISLAND

Dates for your diary

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

Thursday 20th March - geography fieldwork trip to Spittal beach.

Monday 24th March - a special day including an opportunity to come into school after school and in the evening both on the Monday and Tuesday thanks to the November Club - more information to follow

Friday 28th March - Easter Bingo at Lowick school at 6pm

Monday 31st March - Caribbean Day to tie in with our learning theme of Coasts and Islands

Tuesday 8th April - Easter RE day and church service on the theme of Food and Christianity.

Tuesday 8th April - parents' evening - please see the separate letter about parents' evening which has already been sent out this week

Easter holiday is from 14th April for two weeks.

Summer term begins on **Monday 28th April**

Monday 5th May - bank holiday - school is closed

Thursday 8th May - 80th anniversary of VE Day

Week beginning 14th May - SingFest week finishing with concert on Saturday 17th May - more information to follow. We hope to be taking part in a workshop during the school week as part of this on Thursday 15th May in the morning..

Friday 16th May - skipping workshop for class 1 and class 2

Half term holiday the week beginning **26th May**

