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We have come to the end of our first half term of 2025 and it has been a good one. This week the children went to Holy Island for the day. They began their day with a visit to St Mary's Church as it was a bit too cold for worship on the beach. Rev Alex had organised some prayer spaces activities. The children each had a stone to think about things which 'weigh them down' or worry them and then had the chance to lay their 'worry' down in a cairn in the church. They then thought about things which inspire them and give them hope and blew bubbles to symbolise their thoughts and wishes rising up.

Afterwards the older children walked to the lime kilns by the castle and looked at human and physical geographical features whilst the younger children walked a shorter distance to the harbour to examine the boats.



We ended the week with a very exciting STEM day with Code Show visiting our school. They brought with them lots of devices and computers for the children to learn about computing and technology through the last few decades. It was a very hands-on experience and thoroughly enjoyed by all. As well as having the Code Show in school we also asked the children to think about inventing a robot or device for the future, designing it and making a model of it. A very creative day all round.

We hope you have a lovely half term holiday and look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 3rd March.

Caretaker vacancy

Lesley (Mrs Bradbury) will be retiring after 26 and a half years at Lowick school. Her last day in term time will be the end of this term and she is officially finishing at the end of the Easter holiday. We will definitely miss her! We are currently advertising for a new caretaker. Please see North East Jobs or our website for details and an application form: https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Schools_Caretaker/276238 (please note that this job has already been previously advertised to at-risk staff at the Middle Schools.)

Curriculum update

Next half term we will be exploring our learning theme of Coasts and Islands. As part of this the children will be learning about the rise of seaside holidays in Victorian times and into modern times. We would appreciate any photos you may have of you or your parents as children on the beach to allow the younger children to explore how beach holidays may have changed in living memory. This topic is also linked to the rising popularity of the railway system and we will be thinking about the history of the railways in Britain.

Older children will also be learning about coastal erosion and ways to protect our coastal areas. We will then compare our coastal areas and beaches with the coastal areas and beaches of the Caribbean. We are making links to the Caribbean also in music and art, where we will be thinking about the work of Althea McNish who created vibrant fabric prints based on botanical inspiration.

Clubs next 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.

Otherwise clubs will be as usual **starting from the second week back:**

Monday: art club

Tuesday: choir

Wednesday: active / sports club

Thursday: Commando Joe's club

Friday: lego club



Dates for your diary

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

Please remember no clubs on the first week back - child care is still available. Please contact the office to arrange.

Tuesday 4th March - year 4 afternoon visit to Scremerston First School to meet up with other year 4s who are also going on the residential

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day

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

Pencil in Thursday 20th March - geography fieldwork trip to Spittal beach

Monday 24th March - a special day thanks to the November Club - more information to follow

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.

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

