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Welcome back everyone after our half term holiday. We were pleased to see everyone again for the second half of our autumn term. In computing this week the children have been designing their own programming language to programme 'fitness apps'. They worked in groups to create a series of instructions (an algorithm) with a clearly defined start and finish. We tested out their programmes and 'debugged' where we needed to for them to work smoothly. The children then adapted their programme to include a loop (for repeating exercises) and with more variables included.

In RE the children have been looking at the 'Big Story' of the bible and investigating where Jesus fits into this picture. We used the frieze artwork from the Understanding Christianity resources to make this a visual and interactive process. We also thought about fire and firework safety in PSHE and the children made artwork and posters on this theme. In history the children have begun to look at children's films over time - starting with Steamboat Willie from the 1920s and thinking about what they recognise from their own silent film making and how this film differs from subsequent later films such as Snow White up to Moana.



In PE, our sports coach this half term is Miss Ainslie and she is teaching the children skills linked to lacrosse and hockey over the next few weeks. This should be a lot of fun. She is also running a club on Wednesdays after school about playground games and older children can train up to be 'playground leaders' as part of this.



Clubs

Our clubs this half term are:

Monday - art club

Tuesday - film club

Wednesday - playground games with Miss Ainslie

Thursday - Commando Joe's with Mr Graham

Friday - lego club

Pick up time for after school club

Our clubs are free of charge for the school children and run from 3pm to 4pm. We would appreciate a **prompt collection at 4pm** if possible as staff volunteer their time to run or support some of the clubs and have their own family commitments they need to get to afterwards.

Remembrance

We had our Remembrance worship today at Lowick war memorial with Rev Charlotte. The children had written prayers and drawn poppies to contribute to our worship and to make a 'wreath' from the school which we could leave on display. The children's behaviour was excellent and we were extremely proud of how they conducted themselves. We were also pleased to welcome the community back to school for refreshments afterwards.



Christmas Fair and Christmas craft evening

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations so far we really appreciate the support. We are still looking for children's tombola items and raffle prizes, we are also looking for any parent/family volunteers who are able to help at the fair which is on Friday 22 November 3pm-5pm.

We have a few spaces remaining for the Christmas craft evening on Friday 29th November 6.30pm-8.30pm, if you would like to book a space please get in touch.



Dates for your diary

Monday 11th November - CSI Day - back by popular request we will be having a fantastic science day themed around forensic crime solving.

Saturday 16th November at 12pm - Christmas carol singing at Barmoor castle country park- **please let us know if you are able to bring your child along.**

Thursday 21st November - follow up November Club day in school - creative writing workshops with the children

Friday 22nd November - our Christmas fair 3 - 5pm at Lowick school.

Monday 25th November - parents evening (a letter about this will be sent out nearer the time).

Tuesday 3rd December - school photo day

Friday 6th December - Christmas lunch day

Monday 9th December - 2pm afternoon Christmas performance; and

Tuesday 10th December - 6pm evening Christmas performance (both at Lowick school)

Wednesday 18th December - Christmas church service at St John the Baptist in Lowick

Thursday 19th December - Christmas party afternoon

Christmas holidays are from the week commencing **23rd December** for two weeks.

Monday 6th January is a teacher training day, so no children are expected back in school after the Christmas holidays until **Tuesday 7th January.**

