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Sponsored Walk

We had a fantastic afternoon as the entire school participated in our annual sponsored walk at the end of last half term. The event supports our enrichment programme in school and also raises awareness of the children's wellbeing charity - Young Minds.

This year we added to the excitement with a brightly coloured 'parachute run' as well as a cascading water run to navigate.

We raised an incredible £4,085.30 to go towards our enrichment programme!

Thank you so much for all of your ongoing support.





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PSHE This Half Term

Our curriculum is designed and taught so that pupils are inspired and challenged to acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to become happy and successful educated citizens.

We not only aim to do this in our pupils' PSHE lessons but also in their form and assembly times.

This half term in pupils will be exploring the themes of Diwali, Remembrance and Advent.

KS2 students will focus on 'Celebrating Difference.'

Year 5

- Contrasting culture
- Racism
- Rumour spreading/name calling/bullying
- Direct and indirect types of bullying

Year 6

- Challenging 'normal'
- People with disabilities
- Difference in a source of conflict and celebration
- Bullying behaviours
- Stereotypes

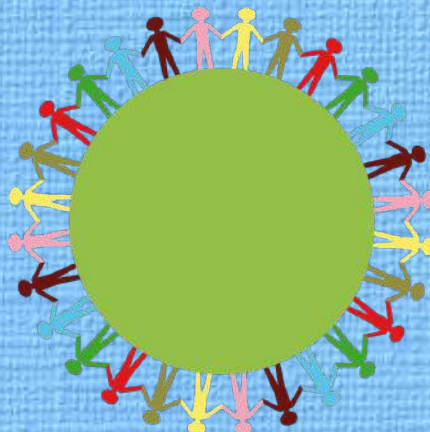
KS3 students will focus on 'Healthy Lifestyles'

Year 7

- Exercise/health
- Choices
- 'Risk'
- Risky situations
- Refusal skills
- Prevent bullying
- Speaking out

Year 8

- Risking on purpose
- Gambling
- Minimising harm
- First Aid
- Personal safety rules on internet





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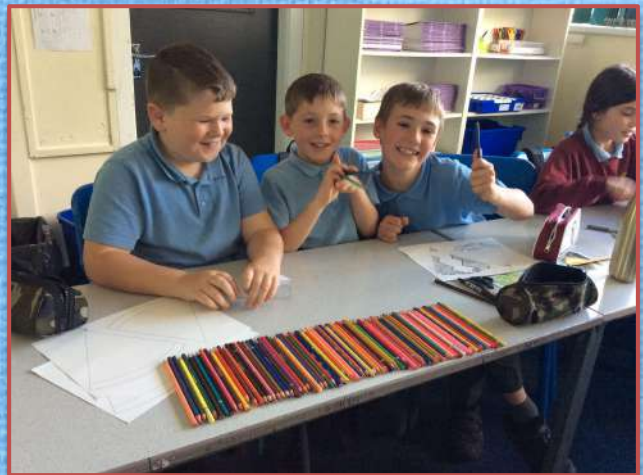
RE This Half Term

What a fantastic start we have had to RE in Year 5.

We have been learning about creation and discussing different opinions on how the earth and its creatures were formed.

In groups, they have been working on a creation wheel, representing the story from Genesis in the Old Testament.

The discussion has been amazing with so many different viewpoints being made. This group is so good at listening to each other and adding on extra thoughts and opinions.





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Stuart Reid - Author Visit

We will be hosting a visit from the award-winning Scottish author Stuart Reid on Wednesday 17th November 2021.

Stuart's first book won the Silver Medal at the Forward National Literature Awards. His books were written to inspire children to read for pleasure, and Stuart's latest book 'Grandpa Jock and the Incredible Iron-Bru-Man Incident' was launched at the Edinburgh Festival.

Pupils can purchase books on the day, all signed by the author, with a personal dedication to each child. Book prices are £7 each, two for £12, or a school special offer of five books for £20.





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New Mobile Classroom

During the half term, the main unit of our new mobile classroom arrived in five separate parts and was assembled on site. Work is in progress to ensure it is fully ready for use and we eagerly await the grand opening in a few weeks time.





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Nic the Hedgehog

Our school office was recently disturbed by what appeared to be a bird squawking outside the window. However, we were unable to identify the source of the noise...

Following a thorough investigation by Mr Coates and Mrs Dando it was discovered to actually be a hedgehog that had become stuck in a drain pipe for a full day and was screaming for help!

A full rescue effort was then coordinated to ensure the survival of the hedgehog, who has since been christened Nic.





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The Library

The Library continues to go from strength to strength with a stream of daily visitors. If you haven't visited yet, please do pop in at break or lunchtime.

The new Library shelves are filling up fast with brand new books donated by Forum Books in Corbridge, from the annual BookTrust School Pack and donations from our pupils and families for which we are always grateful.

All books are able to be borrowed for two weeks and every pupil can borrow two books at a time.

Our Library contains a diverse selection of fiction and non-fiction books, a section of Young Adult books available to Year 8 pupils and plenty of comfy seating. Staff - and some pupils - are always available to help suggest or select books for those who aren't quite sure which reading adventure to choose next.





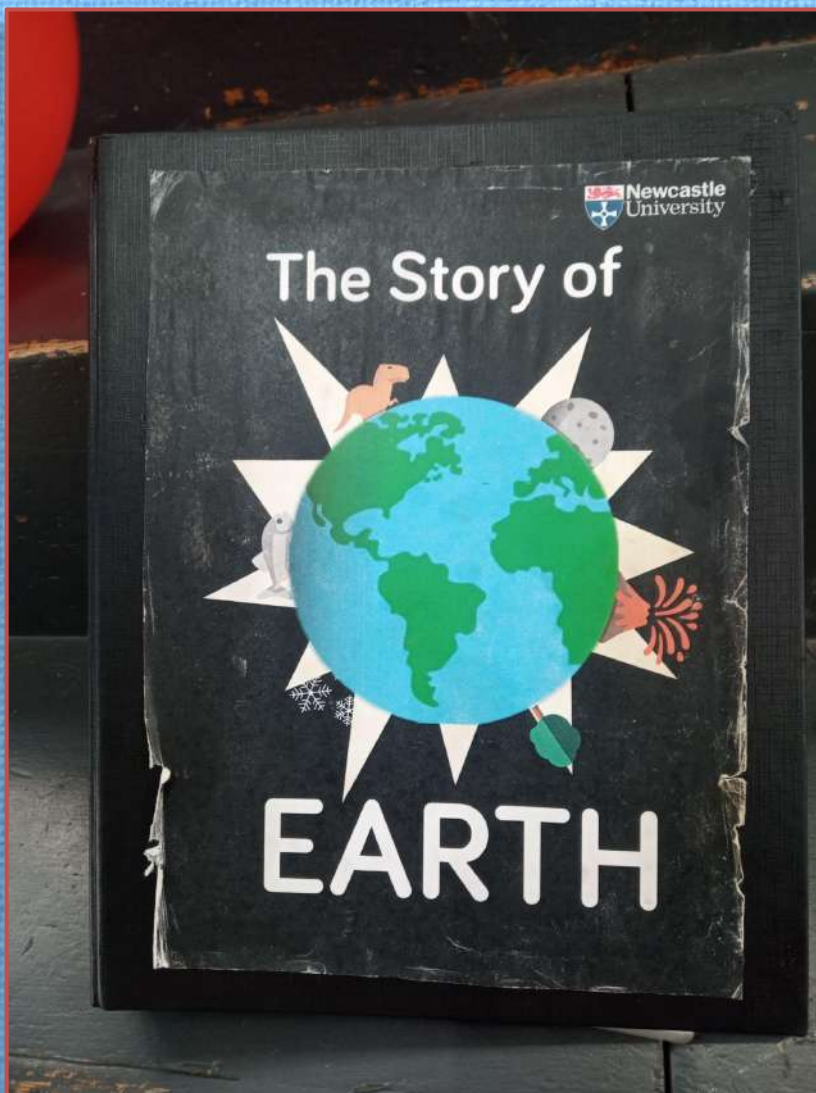
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Newcastle University STEM Outreach

Year 5s enjoyed the visit from STEM outreach ambassadors (Newcastle University) at the end of last term as they took part in recreating how our wonderful blue planet was formed.

There were spectacular demonstrations from the ambassadors, ranging from elephant toothpaste to setting fire to bubbles filled by gas and the pupils loved it.

This fits in with the Earth and Space topic we are studying at the moment.





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Weather & Climate Club

Last half term the enthusiastic members of our Year 7 Weather and Climate club studied the links between carbon dioxide and climate change.

We have learned how to test for the gas with lime water and took the opportunity of using some dry ice in school to discuss how carbon dioxide is warming the climate, what is happening as a result of global warming and how we can raise awareness and take climate action.

As part of the Royal Society's Tomorrow's Climate Scientists, the club have just been confirmed as having a place in the Society's student conference in February 2022 - we have lots to do before then, including running a mock climate conference across school in parallel with COP26 in Glasgow





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Ponteland Rugby Festival

The sun shone and the atmosphere amongst our teams was wonderful when the school was represented at the Ponteland Rugby Festival.

There was a definite air of excitement amongst the players and staff being our first sporting fixture of the academic year.

All the skills that have been imparted by the PE department and our rugby coach, Michael, were put to good practise on the pitches.

What was particularly noteworthy was the team spirit amongst all players and the desire to encourage and support each other throughout the matches.





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Elementary, My Dear Watson

Year 8 and 7WT had a visit from the Newcastle University STEM Outreach team before breaking up for half-term.

The interactive workshop, entitled 'Elementary, My Dear Watson', inspired scientific wonder and awe with explosions of hydrogen, a whoosh bottle, bubbles of dry ice and freezing objects in liquid nitrogen.

The session, run by Dr Peter Hoare, linked to the Year 8 topic of Chemical Reactions and the Year 7 topic of Atoms and Elements.





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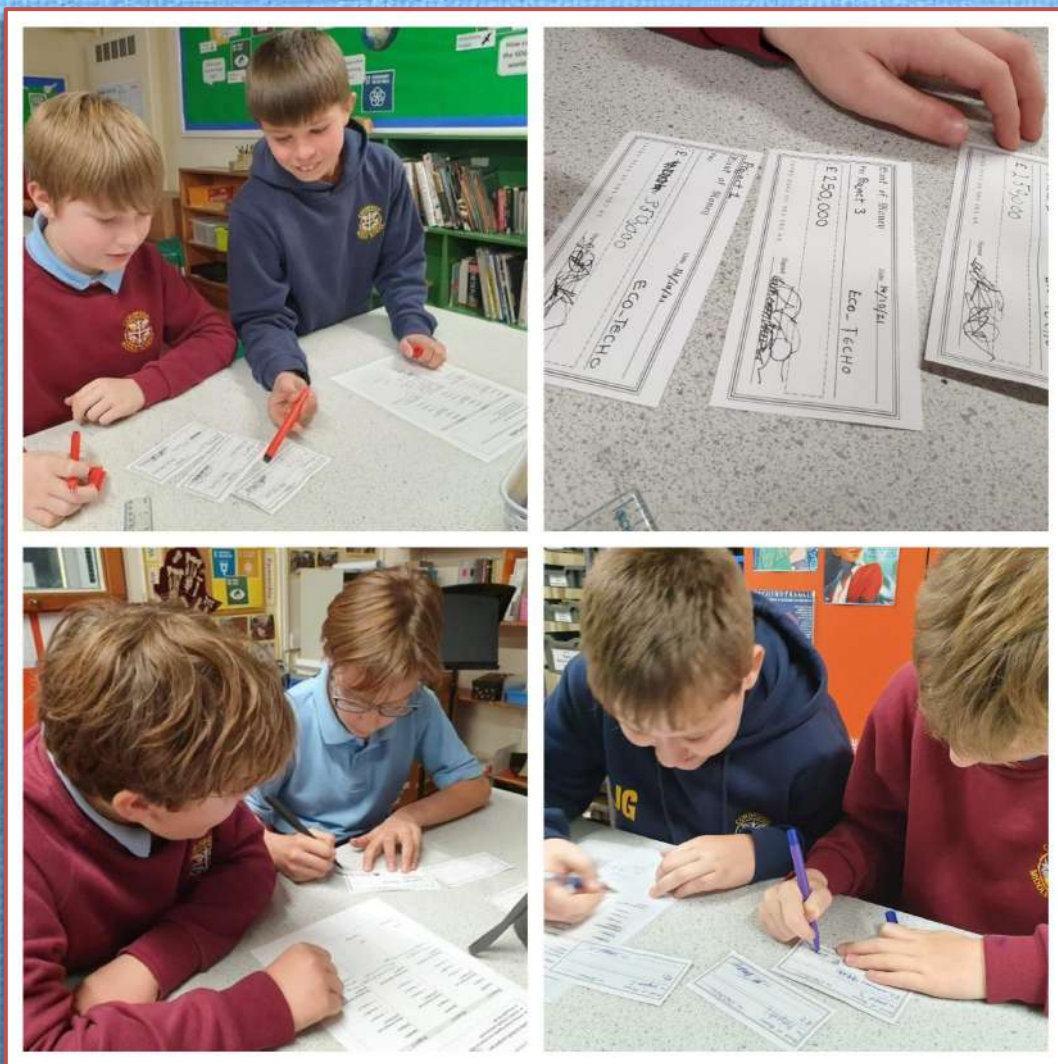
Natural History Museum - Dragon's Den

7FP and 8J have been helping the Natural History Museum in London trial a new educational workshop based on Dragon's Den.

Pupils were placed in fictional organisations to role-play a decision making process on how to award funding to different research projects. They had an online briefing from Cristina in London and then listened to three candidates pitch their research ideas.

Each team was then given three blank cheques and had up to £1 million (imaginary!) which they could give to their favourite idea, split between projects or keep for themselves.

The ideas included cryogenic seed banks, gaming outreach workshops to promote understanding of environmental issues, farming support for developing countries and an expedition to the Antarctic.





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Corbridge Middle School Ceilidh Band

The Corbridge Middle School Ceilidh band have been filling the corridors with joy every Tuesday lunchtime as they have been working on their challenging pieces of music.





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Charity Apple Pressing

Our Enrichment Programme gardeners were very busy at the end of last half term, picking apples from our school orchard. The apples were then taken to Corbridge Cricket Club where they were pulped and pressed.

The juice is to be bottled and sold with all the proceeds going to the Charlotte Straker Trust and Corbridge Youth Initiative.





Clubs Timetable

Autumn 2021

Time	Club & Room	Staff
Monday		
12.15	Guitar Club - All years - room tbc	Mr Buckton
12.05	Hockey club - Yr 6,7 and 8	Mrs Parkin
12.35	Knitting Yr 5 - L4	Mrs Browne
12.35	Library - All Yrs - U1	Mrs Ramsay
12.35	Friendship Club Yr 5 - L6	Mrs Liddle
12.05	Singing Club Years 5 and 6 - U6	Mrs Reid
Tuesday		
12.05	Ceilidh Band - room tbc	Mrs Stephenson
12.35	Library - All Yrs - U1	Mrs Ramsay
12.35	Creative Club Yrs 5 and 6 - L9	Mrs Blake-Darcy
12.05 - 12.35	Puzzle club All Yrs - Sudoku, work search , Usbourne puzzle books, Aquila magazine and any you might want to bring! - L3	Mrs Clarke
12.35 - 13.05	Games club Yrs 7 and 8 - L5	Mr Norris
Wednesday		
12.35	Library - All Yrs - U1	Mrs Ramsay
12.35	Friendship Club Y6 - L6	Mrs Liddle
12.05	Needle/stitching work Y5 - Learning how to do different stitches to complete a project - L1	Mrs Pound
12.05	Football Club Yrs 5 and 6	Mr McKee



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Thursday		
12.05 - 12.35	Homework club/quiet space for reading or working, All Yrs- L8	Miss Bell/Mrs Hamer
12.20 - 1.05	Open-door for quiet time, finishing off work and general drawing, All Yrs- L9	Mrs Walker-Thomas
12.30 - 1.05	Weather and Climate Club Y7 - L1	Dr. Batchelder & Mr Swinney in Lab
12.35	Library - All Yrs - U1	Mrs Ramsay
12.35 - 13.05	Games Club Yrs - 5 and 6 - L5	Mr Norris
Friday		
12.35	Library - All Yrs - U1	Mrs Ramsay
12.05 - 12.35	Computer Club Y5 (initially) - U3 (<i>from 1 October</i>)	Mr Johnston
12.35 - 13.05	Chess Club - All Yrs - L5	Mr Norris/Mr Swinney



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Important Dates Autumn 2021

Date	Event	Aimed at
10/12/21	Christmas Jumper Day	All
15/12/21	Pantomime trip to Queens Hall, Hexham	KS2
17/12/21	School closes for Christmas holidays	All
04/01/22	Teacher Day	All
05/01/22	School Reopens for Spring Half Term 1	All

Christmas Fayre & Coffee Mornings

Unfortunately due to advice from Public Health England and Northumberland County Council we are unable to offer coffee mornings or host other events such as the Christmas Fayre.

We will however be selling raffle tickets, an example of which can be seen below, in order to raise money for the PTA in the weeks leading up to the end of term.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Corbridge Middle School PTA
Promoter: Mrs C. Robson

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Grand Christmas Raffle

Grand Christmas Raffle

1ST PRIZE - £50 CASH

plus numerous other prizes

Drawn at 1.30pm on Friday 10th December

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