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This week we have welcomed some visitors into school. We had Keziah in from the Active Northumberland Sports Programme to work with Class 2. The children took part in an afternoon session which started to provide them with skills and knowledge to support peers when leading healthy, active lives. They are the healthy active lifestyle champions for the school. This means we can maximise the benefit for all children during our time on the yard. As well as helping to keep all of our children happy and active, it should also support our older children in taking on leadership roles during playtimes.

On a sporting theme, we continue to welcome Dougie in to do rugby coaching and club on Thursday afternoons. This is in addition to the tennis coaching, and after school club, which the children have on a Wednesday. Dougie has been so impressed with the behaviour, attitude and skills of our children that he has opened up the Berwick Rugby Festival (which is normally for years 3 and 4) to all of our class 2 children. This will be happening on Friday next week – 10<sup>th</sup> May.



We would like to thank everyone who has sent in some out-of-date spices for our art project linked to India and Hinduism. We have also used herbs and Indian spices which are in date to investigate what part of a plant, and what kind of plant, different spices come from. We will be doing some cooking with spices in the last week of term. We plan to do this outdoors as part of a forest school session on the Tuesday afternoon. We will also have an Indian food themed lunch on the last day of term (similar to when we had our 'Chinese Banquet'). Please be reassured that we are aware that some children do not like spicy or 'hot' food and have planned some options which are very mild or plain so that everyone is involved.

*Rebecca*

## Our trip to the Royal Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May

We are delighted to let you know further details about our trip to the Royal Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh on 13<sup>th</sup> May. We will be taking part in an education workshop based around 'Plants We Use'. In discussion with the education team at the gardens, we are going to build on and go beyond the work we have already done in school about plants (including work on plants we eat and spices from India) and will include a tour of the glasshouses so we can investigate plants from climates different from our own.

The children will need to wear appropriate outdoor clothing (footwear, coats, sunhats etc depending on the weather and they may also need suncream). We will be there all day so the children will need a packed lunch and a water bottle. We would like them to still wear their usual school tops and jumpers so that we are recognisable as part of a school trip whilst we are out and about.

**Please note that Nursery children will not be going on this trip.**



Our thanks to Conor, Sophia and Alphy for hosting an excellent visit to his farm last week. The children were full of information and excitement about it when they returned to school. Not only did they find out about the animals on the farm but they also learned about the sort of technology being used on the farm to automate different systems.



### Dates for your Diary

<b>Monday 6th May</b>	Bank Holiday
<b>Friday 10th May</b>	Class 2 Tag Rugby Competition at Berwick Rugby Club
<b>Monday 13th May</b>	Visit to the Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh
<b>Friday 24th May</b>	Indian Banquet School stops for half term week
<b>Monday 3rd June</b>	School restarts + Visit to Norham
<b>Thursday 6th June</b>	Visit to the Hancock Museum, Newcastle
<b>Thursday 20th June</b>	Sports Day on Holy Island
<b>Saturday 6th July</b>	PTA Summer Fun Day
<b>Friday 12th July</b>	Cricket Festival at Etal
<b>Friday 19th July</b>	School Stops for Summer holidays
<b>Wed 4th Sept</b>	Children return to school

### Spellings

<b>Year 1</b>	the digraph 'er' Stressed sound in the middle of a word Eg her, term, verb, person
<b>Year 2</b>	Homophones—words that sound the same but have different meanings Eg to, too, two, be, bee
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Prefixes</b> Most prefixes can be added to the root words without any changes in spelling 'sub' means under Eg subaqua, submarine, submarine