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Head of School Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you all so much for the incredible effort you put into making Saturday's Summer Fair such a success. It was a wonderful afternoon and it was fantastic to see so many families there showing their support. We truly appreciate everything you do to support the school and the children.

On Monday both Starfish and Puffin classes are looking forward to a special visit from a local author. It's going to be a fantastic experience for the children to meet a real-life author and hear them read their stories. If you would like to purchase a book, please ensure you pre-order online or send the money into school in a clearly named envelope. (More details at the end of this Flyer)

Since the summer weather is keeping us guessing, please send your child to school prepared for anything with both a sunhat and a coat. Before school, please ensure your child has sunscreen applied. Finally, we have a mountain of unnamed lost property —please, please label everything (jumpers, coats, hats, etc.) so we can get them back to you! Thank you for your help.

Wishing you all a happy and restful weekend. We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday!

Warm regards,
Mrs Ann Popay



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Attendance

Class	Weekly attendance	Annual attendance
Starfish	96.45	96.64
Puffins	98.99	94.14
Seals	90.97	91.43
Orcas	97.46	93.09

Did you know? Each pupil has 175 non-school days a year to spend however they like. The table below shows the significant impact of absence over time.

Days of school add up to lost learning						
Days in school	190	186	180	175	171	170
Percentage attendance	100%	98%	95%	92%	90%	<90%
	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Caution	Cause for concern	Serious concern

Absence Procedures If your child is ill, please keep them at home until they are well enough to return to school. Please notify us by phone call or email before 9.15am if your child is to be absent, and continue to inform us on a daily basis if they continue to be ill.

What are the risks of missing a day of school? 'Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing and wider development. Pupils with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE results. The higher a pupil's attendance, the more they are likely to learn, and the better they are likely to perform in exams and formal assessments.' The Education Hub - Department for Education.



Classroom Updates - Starfish Class

What a great week of learning we've had. The children have been captivated by Jeanne Willis's 'The Bog Baby'. We started the week with a mystery—keeping the cover hidden and reading just the beginning so the children could imagine and draw what a Bog Baby looks like. They couldn't wait for the big reveal the next day! Throughout the week, our Rainbow Challenges were fully themed around the book. The children practiced counting out cake crumbs to feed the Bog Baby, wrote care lists for a Bog Baby, built a secret shed, crafted and drew pipe-cleaner bluebells and made mud-kitchen treats. At Beach School we used the book 'Sailor Bear' by Martin Waddell. The children invented their own fabulous alternative endings. For our beach maths the Nursery children explored volume and size by testing out different bowl boats and digging sand boats for Sailor Bear, while the Reception children used shells to practice odd and even numbers and counting in twos. We finished our beach day with some high-energy parachute games

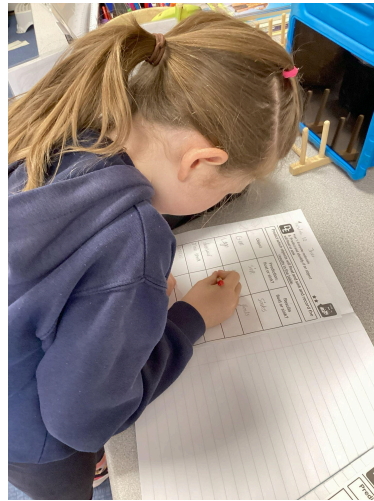




Classroom Updates - Puffin Class

This week, in Science, we have been developing our scientific enquiry skills by carrying out an investigation to answer the question 'Does the type of water affect whether an object floats or sinks?' We discussed how to make a prediction, carry out a fair test with only one variable and discuss results. The children had so much fun and were keen to get some results. We have also been rounding off our maths unit of fractions by finding $\frac{1}{4}$ (year 1) and $\frac{3}{4}$ (year 2) of an amount. In music this week we have been trying to make sound effects using a range of everyday objects to use alongside retelling of Little Red Riding Hood. We can not wait to put the story together with the sound effects next week.

Just a couple of reminders for children in Puffin class – a water bottle should be in school every day, especially now that the weather is trying to warm up. Could this please be filled at home so that the children can get straight on with their learning as soon as they come into the classroom. They can be filled up throughout the day should the children drink it all. Also, a reading book and record needs to be in school everyday too. Grown ups can you please make sure you are listening to your child read as well as writing a comment in their reading record. This will help us to keep a close eye on reading levels or any difficulties the children may be encountering. Your help and support in this is greatly appreciated!





Classroom updates - Seals Class

Our biggest highlight recently was our unforgettable trip to Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh! Alongside our friends from Ellingham, we enjoyed a scenic train journey followed by a brilliant open-top bus tour of the city. We were fortunate enough to score seats on the top deck and even a little bit of Scottish rain couldn't dampen our spirits! The children loved listening to the Horrible Histories commentary as we toured the historic sights. The Dynamic Earth experience itself was fantastic and all the children were exemplary representatives of Embleton with their wonderful behaviour. Back in school this week, we launched into our first PE session with Callum, where the children did a brilliant job practicing their Tag Rugby skills. Alongside the physical games, we also focused on the social side of sports by exploring friendships and learning how to positively manage disagreements during teamwork. Our musical journey also took a creative leap as we composed our very own Bollywood tunes designed to accompany a movie feature—the classroom was alive with fantastic rhythms! In English, we have been using our inspiration from The Lost Words to become poets ourselves. The children worked hard to write their own beautiful, structured Cinquains (five-line poems) based on the Heather and Dandelion spells.





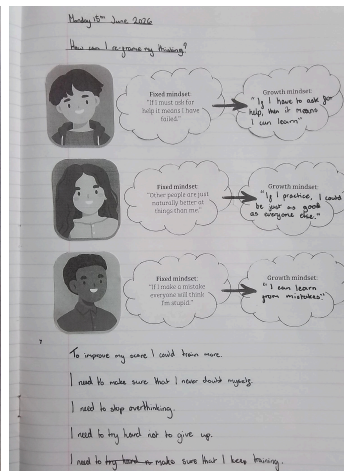
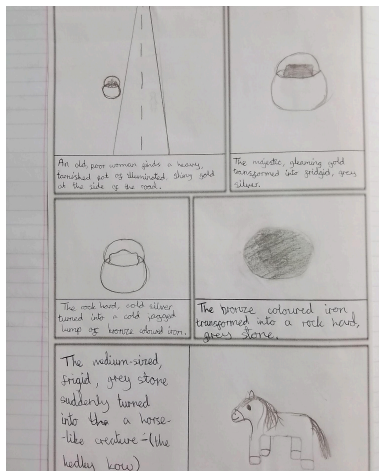
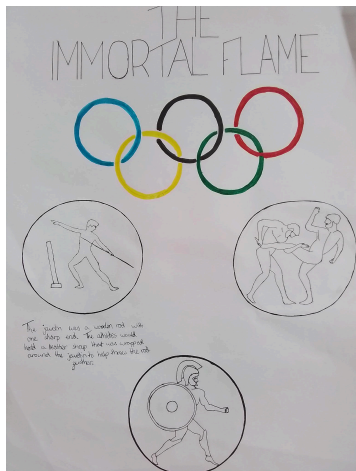
Classroom updates - Orca Class

Another week has flown by as we continued looking at Northumberland folk tales in our English lessons. This time it was the turn of The Hedley Kow and the Black Pot. The children created shifting moods through their writing, mastered the use of fronted adverbials of both time and manner, and wrote excellent pieces with lots of description.

PSHE was really useful this week as the pupils learnt about how they can 're-game their thinking.' Some of their ideas included: making sure that they do not overthink things; trying hard not to give up; making sure that they keep training; be more optimistic.

We wrapped up Ancient Greece this week, creating posters about 'What have the Greeks done for us?' Both interesting and informative the posters gave details about how modern society has inherited sports, language, philosophy, architecture and inventions from the Ancient Greeks.

I'd like to end this week's Friday Flyer with a quick request. Would it be possible for children to bring in a small clean food jar with a screw lid for Tuesday 23rd June? Thank you.





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Dates for your Diary

Monday 22nd June 1pm	Author visit - Dr Martin Lee (Starfish and Puffins)
Wednesday 24th June 8.45am	Starfish Class Assembly
Friday 26th June 2.45pm	Year 5 Parents meeting (Ellingham camping trip)
Sunday 28th June 2 -5pm	Fallden Hall Open Gardens refreshments
Wednesday 1st July	Year 6 transition day to DCHS Whole school transition day
Wednesday 1st July 2pm	Trinity Tots to Starfish Class
Friday 3rd July - Saturday 4th July	Year 5 camping - Ellingham
Tuesday 7th July	Seals virtual ballet (Wear PE Kit)
Wednesday 8th July 1.30pm	Sports Day
Thursday 9th July	Open the Book (leading collective worship)
Friday 10th July	Seals Bench Ball tournament (Wear PE Kit)
Monday 13th July 2pm	Year 6 leavers service
Wednesday 15th - Friday 17th July	Year 6 residential - Robinwood
Friday 17th July	Last day of term

Please be advised that next week will be Week 3 of our school dinner menu rotation. You can view the meal options on the school website.

PE days for Reception Starfish, Puffins will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. Y3/4 will have PE on Mondays. Y5/6 will swim on Mondays. Please send your children to school wearing their PE kits on their PE days. Thank you

Stars of the week

Names:

Starfish: Billy

Puffins: Elsie

Seals: Jessie

Orcas: Lucas



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We are delighted to inform you that Dr Martin Lee will be visiting our school on Monday 22nd June to read his children's books, 'Lambley the Last Lamb' and 'Embleton the Curious Cat' to Starfish and Puffin Class!

Lambley The Last Lamb



By Martin Lee

A COLLINGWOOD FARM STORY

Embleton The Curious Cat



By Martin Lee

A COLLINGWOOD FARM STORY

Martin is a children's author based in Northumberland. He has written a series of children's books based on the fictitious 'Collingwood Farm'. All the characters in his books are named after local villages!

Lambley the Last Lamb is the first of the Collingwood Farm books and is set in the spring. It is a heart-warming and funny story about Lambley's adventures on Collingwood Farm as he tries to find his mother.

Embleton the Curious Cat is the second of the Collingwood Farm books and is set in the summer. It is a humorous story about how Embleton's curiosity can sometimes land him in a spot of bother!

Pegswood The Peculiar Pig



By Martin Lee

Featherstone The Grumpy Duck



By Martin Lee

You can purchase signed copies of Lambley and/or Embleton for your children for £10 each. If you pre-order them with your child's name, Martin will sign them for them beforehand! £1 of each sale will be donated to EPFC. Please send £10 per book in a named envelope (cheque payable to Martin Lee) or via Paypal www.paypal.me/drmartin. Please ensure you say which book/s you would like and who it is for.

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WEEK 5

19TH 20TH AUGUST

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WEEK 6

25TH 26TH 27TH AUGUST

10:00-15:00

SIGN UP OR FOR MORE INFO

Early drop off's available

