

# NEWSLETTER

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shortstay 

Northumberland's P.R.U.

**Dear Parents, Carers, Family and Friends of Northumberland PRU,**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support this academic year. We have had a very busy and productive half term, let's reflect on some of the positive work that our pupils have completed.

## Yellow Group

This half term, yellow group pupils have been using 'circle time'; a way of developing social and emotional skills. They have been focusing on relationships and friendship. The children were also involved in a 'food week' where they created a menu, sent invitations, prepared food and served it using the correct table etiquette.



## Red Group

This half term, red group have been looking at the geography of coastal areas, specifically the different types of beaches. Their educational visit to Warkworth beach was enjoyed by all, and children were able to carry out their investigations into sand and shingle beaches. The children have also conducted individual research projects about sea life organisms in rock pool habitats. Pupils then produced individual fact files which are on display in the classroom.



## Purple Group

Purple group have conducted research into Viking culture, mythology and considered how they were so successful as raiders and traders. The students have had the opportunity to design their own shields and weapons in Art lessons.

Pupils have created their own Viking bread and enjoyed eating it during their breakfast mealtime lesson. Students have read a compact version of the epic poem Beowulf and created their own comic/storyboard versions of the legendary hero.

## Green Group

Green group have been looking at what lies beneath our seas and oceans this half term, and finding out about some amazing creatures. They have also been looking at our local seaside environments; finding out where they are located in Northumberland using maps, and aerial photographs.

Green Group have also looked at similarities and differences between seaside resorts, looking at how resorts have changed over time.

## The Strawberry Jam Project

In their cookery lessons children have been learning how to make strawberry jam. They have locally sourced their own produce, which involved a strawberry picking trip to 'Brockbushes Farm Shop', at Corbridge. In their next cookery lesson the children made their jam, and we are pleased to report that it was a success!



## Building Update

Builders are currently working hard to finish a new Annex which will be situated behind the main building. This will provide an additional classroom and we will be able to offer eight additional placements. The building work is scheduled to be finished by October half term.



## Safety First

In the aftermath of the tragic Grenfell Tower incident, could we please remind you all to check your smoke alarm. For further information on fire safety in the home, please visit the following website;

<http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Fire/Home.aspx>

As part of their English work, a pupil in red group wrote this poem as a tribute to all involved in the Grenfell Tower incident. This was completed following their work on deriving meaning from text.

### A Tribute

In the Northern Hemisphere,  
The people watch in fear,  
Watching, waiting, hesitating,  
Waiting for survivors to appear.

As the black clouds rise,  
You can hear the needy cries,  
As the blanket of ash begins to lie,  
You know people have died.

As the terror starts to sink in,  
The community starts to bring things in,  
As the sun rises on this dreadful day,  
You can see the trucks in red, washing the building away.

## Term Dates and Reports

Half term reports will be posted from Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Children will break up for the summer on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, at 1pm. Children will return to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

**Happy Summer Holidays!**

