



Hello everyone. Welcome to our **Spring Two** beach newsletter. We had a very busy time at the beach during the Spring Term and enjoyed lots of exciting new learning opportunities. I was pleased that the second Year Four group were finally able to enjoy their **Holy Island** visit after two postponements. We have visited a number of local beaches including **Blyth**, **Cresswell**, **Seaton Sluice** and **Low Hauxley**. The weather has sometimes been unkind to us and that doesn't stop the children enjoying what they are doing! We are looking forward to the next term and are hoping that the weather starts to get a bit warmer so please come prepared **whatever the weather**. We are still waiting the bus coming back from the garage after a strong wind damaged one of the doors! Naturally we are all itching to get back on the road so we can '*make the most of our coast!*' and learn at the beach.



Thanks, Mrs Wharton

Reception

Where we went . . . St Mary's Island

We learned how to stay safe near the water and discussed the potential hazards to be aware of. We learned how to walk safely on the rocks around the rock pools and searched for creatures that lived in the pools. The children walked across the causeway to the lighthouse to see the seals and to see how tall the lighthouse is. They learned how they must stay quiet when they are near the seals and liked looking through the binoculars to see them sleeping on the rocks.

Did you find anything interesting? . . . How big the lighthouse is! We learned about the different creatures found in the rock pools.

What we said . . . "We saw a lighthouse." "I saw a crab." "I went to the rockpools."



Nursery

Where we went . . . **Blyth Beach**

The children learned how to stay safe. They also **explored new surroundings** and collected resources on the beach. The children had to find two objects and describe what they were. They drew shapes, including circles and squares, in the sand to help develop their fine motor skills. The younger group learned how to travel safely on the bus. They explored their surroundings and built sandcastles in the sand.

What we said . . . " We sang a song on the bus." "I sat on the sand with a bucket and spade." "We found some stones - circle ones!" "We found two rocks."

Year 1

Where we went . . . **Blyth Beach**

What we learned . . . The children were searching for **flora on the coastal path**. We talked about how it was a little difficult as it wasn't quite the right time of year. We found some plants and looked at Mrs Wharton's **identification cards** to find out what the different plants were. We also found different types of seaweed and discussed the different types and their names. Our task was to sketch a flower or some seaweed and the children produced some wonderful sketches.

What we said . . . "We drew plants and flowers that grow at the beach." "We saw all the seagrass that makes a barrier to stop the sea going past."

Year 2

Where we went . . . **Cresswell and Low Hauxley**

What we found . . . The children had to sketch what they saw from a **bird's perspective** looking down from the sky. They looked at a map of the area to find out where we were, this was an aerial view, they had to describe what they could see from the image on the map.

On their next visit the children created a piece of art inspired by the artist **Andy Goldsworthy**. Children used natural resources from the beach to create their art. They had to look at texture and different shades of light and dark.

What we said . . . "How light and dark stones can be used to make a sculpture." " How putting a rock in water made it go really dark." Using the rocks and seaweed to make my sculpture."

Year 3

Where we went . . . **Low Hauxley**

What we found . . . We visited Low Hauxley to search for different types of rocks as this was our new Science topic for this term. We sorted them first into categories which the children had to choose. They found lots of interesting stones and enjoyed talking about what they looked and felt like.

What we said . . . "I found a stone with a fossil on it." "I liked sorting them."

Year 5

Where we went . . . **Low Hauxley**

We visited Low Hauxley to create a piece of temporary art which was linked to our topic at school. We were learning about the artist **Romero Britto**. We created some pictures of sea creatures in the design from the artist. There were some fantastic art creations made on the beach.

What we said . . . "We had so much fun at the beach making sea animals out of things from the beach." "All the sea animals were amazing that we created, everyones was amazing." "It was really nice seeing all the art and being outside." "I loved being out and drawing in the sand."

