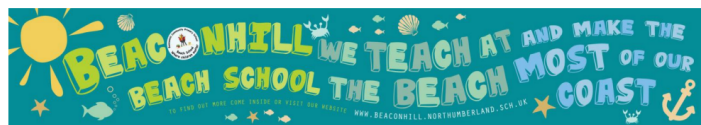


Beaconhill Community Primary School

Beach Newsletter - Monday 6th November 2023



Hello everyone!

Welcome to our **Autumn One Beach Newsletter**. The children were looking forward to getting back to the beach after the summer break and thoroughly enjoyed their visits. We have visited **Blyth, Druridge Bay, St Mary's Island** and **Holy Island**. The weather has been kind to us so far this term apart from the last Year Four trip which was cancelled because of the storm however this has now been rearranged this for half-term. The children are enthusiastic and always excited when they go to the beach. They have developed skills in **Art, Maths, Science, PHSE, Team Building** and **Problem Solving**. We are coming into the **colder months** so please dress your child with warm clothing on their next beach visits.

Thanks, Mrs Wharton



Reception

Where we went . . . **Blyth beach**

We learned how to stay safe on the beach . We collected stones, feathers, shells and sticks and counted them into groups up to five. We searched and explored the beach and drew faces in the sand. We made the eyes, nose and mouth using the stones and seaweed that we had collected.

Did you find anything interesting? . . . "We found lots of big rocks" "We saw a big boat on the sea"

Year 1

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

The children developed their phonic skills and knowledge during a phonics hunt. They searched for objects which had specific sounds when spelled out. They did very well matching the sound with the object they found. They learned how to stay safe when we explored the beach and wrote words in the sand.

What we said and saw. . . "We wrote in the sand" "I Liked going in the school bus" "I saw a big cannon."



Year 2

Where we went . . . **St Mary's Lighthouse**

What we learned . . . The children were searching for creatures that live in the rockpools and that live on land. The children learned how to stay safe on the rocks and near the water. They found lots of interesting creatures e.g. crabs, periwinkles, fish and some shrimps which were hard to catch. The children also walked across the causeway to the lighthouse where they saw the seals on the rocks. We were lucky on our visit to the seals as the warden was on duty and gave the children lots of information about the seals.

What we said and saw . . . "Rock pooling is fun" "I Found lots of crabs"

Year 3

Where we went . . . **Druridge Bay**

What we learned . . . The children were building shelters and doing some problem solving activities to develop their team building skills. The children worked in groups of five and six to build a shelter from the materials that Mrs Wharton had given them. They worked well together to get a shelter built for their team. It was quite tricky for the first two groups that went as it was a bit windy! The children had lots of fun playing the games and worked well together.

Year 4

Where we went . . . **St Mary's and Holy Island**

What we learned . . . The children visited St Mary's Island where the children sketched the lighthouse as this was part of their art topic. We also visited Blyth beach so they could sketch the beach huts. There was some fantastic sketching from Year 4.

Year 4 also visited Holy Island. The children have explored the island and learned about the viking invasion. They became vikings for a short time and chased Monk Wharton and Monk Wright down the beach! They visited the school on the Island which only has five pupils. Some of the children had the opportunity to taste some prawns on our visit and only a few didn't like them! They also wrote postcards about their visit to post home.

What we said and saw . . . "I learned that the vikings landed on Holy Island more than a thousand years ago" "I learned that they recycled the boats to use as sheds" "I liked chasing the monks on the beach"

Year 5

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

We visited Blyth beach. The children worked in groups in school to design their own sandcastle. On their visits, they were to create their design in the sand. The children worked well together and showed good team building skills. Their theme for the sandcastle was a bridge structure. The children created some very impressive sandcastles!

What we said and saw . . . "I loved making the bridge using natural materials." It was really fun building with sand and different materials." "There was a cormorant on the beach that looked tired from the storm."

Year 6

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

Year 6 visited Blyth beach where they developed their problem solving skills. The children worked together in small teams to solve problems in beach activities. They then worked together to create a sandcastle using natural materials to decorate them.

