



News & Events

Welcome back! As the weather hopefully warms up, the children are welcome to wear summer uniform of blue checked dress, grey shorts or continue with the usual uniform. Please ensure all clothing is named, particularly sweatshirts to avoid any mix up's. Yesterday, we hosted our first ever PEEP Pre-School session. It was an absolute pleasure to see so many parents in school working alongside the children. The children enjoyed a range of activities including finger painting, printing and colour mixing. We ended the session with a story and some nursery rhymes. Next week, the PEEP focus is self-regulation, behaviour and emotions. We have shared some pictures on our school Facebook page. The cost of school lunches is unfortunately rising due to increases in the cost of food supplies. From 1st May the cost of a school lunch will be £2.50. Breakfast and after school club places are in high demand at the moment and with limited staff available to supervise. Please book as far in advance as possible and only if needed to support working parents.

Nursery and Reception

This week, we welcomed three new children into our Nursery, it was lovely to see everyone back and all the children have settled in well. We started the week by retelling our holiday news. We encouraged the children to use full verbal sentences, whilst the older children are beginning to hear and write simple words. We practised drawing houses, play parks and people. The children have been practising their number recognition by playing simple bingo games. We have been busy in the garden planting lavender, mint and potatoes. We have enjoyed sessions with Tracy from Boogie Beats and Yoga with Rhiannon. On Friday afternoon, the children enjoyed a PE session using the apparatus with Mrs Kiff.

Reception have enjoyed their first week back. We have started reading 'The Extraordinary Gardener' by Sam Boughton. The main character, Joe, lives in a dark, grey world so we all invented our own colourful flowers to brighten up his life. Our Understanding the World topic this half term is all about gardens. We have already explored the school garden and found daffodils, herbs, strawberry plants, snails and worms. Over the term we will be planting flowers, fruits and vegetables so we can brighten up our garden too. On Thursday, we explored Berwick using an online map and then zoomed in so we could see the school. We then created maps of our school grounds and labelled our different outdoor spaces. In maths we have been finding number bonds for 9 and 10. We used Numberblock 9 and tens frames to help us.



Stars of the Week

<u>Nursery</u>	Skyler
<u>Class 1</u>	Theo
<u>Class 2</u>	Emilia
<u>Class 3</u>	Philippa
<u>Class 4</u>	Elliot
<u>Class 5</u>	Bonnie

Summer Term Dates

Monday 29th April

Rugby festival Year 3 and 4

Monday 6th May

Closed for bank holiday

Tuesday 7th May

Class Photographs

Thursday 16th May

'Time to Share' 3.20 p.m.

Friday 24th May

School closes for half term break.



Class 2 and 3

Year 1 had a busy first week back. In Literacy they continued their book 'Dinosaurs and all that Rubbish' and used adjectives to describe the setting of the story. They have practised spelling words with suffix 'er' and started to use similes in their writing. In numeracy the children have looked at length and height, practising measuring with a ruler in centimetres. They then looked at balancing scales to decide which objects were heavier and lighter. In science the children discussed what deciduous and evergreen means and looked identified different sorts of trees. As part of their RE work they sequenced 'The Creation Story' and in PSHE discussed how to cross the road safely. They have started to make levers and sliders in DT as part of their work on 'Moving Pictures'.



Year 2 had a busy first week back. They have started to read their new book 'Tadpole's Promise' and made predictions about what might happen at the end of the story. They have looked at using the apostrophe for possession in their writing and used time adverbials to order the life cycle of a butterfly. They included a range of different sentence types and punctuation. In numeracy they have continued their work on multiplication and division. The children have drawn arrays to solve multiplication and repeated addition number sentences and have used arrays to solve division number sentences. In Science the children looked at the 3 things a plant needs to grow well. In geography, the children named and located the 7 continents and 5 oceans of the world and marked these on a world map. In RE the children named the 12 disciples that Jesus chose to spread God's message and in art they used clay to make a sculpture of a hedgehog.

Class 4 and 5

This week in literacy we have started learning about a new book called 'How to Live Forever'. We have learnt that there is a city in a library full of books but there is one book missing which tells the secret of how to live forever. We made wanted posters trying to convince the thief to give it back to the library. In numeracy we have started learning about unit fractions and equivalent fractions. We have also learnt how to create a fraction wall. In P.E we have started rugby and we have looked at how to hold the rugby ball correctly and pass it effectively to our teammates. In PSHE we have been looking at relationships and how to have healthy, positive relationships. In music we have been using glockenspiels to learn new notes and songs with increased tempo.

Class 5 are thoroughly enjoying their new literacy picture book 'A Village by the Sea' which is all about the life of a small seaside community around 100 years ago. The children have written some wonderful adverts for fisher boy and girl jobs already. In maths we have started to look at tenths as decimals and will be moving on to hundredths next week. In science we have been finding out how sounds are made which fits nicely in with our musical drumming workshops. In history we are beginning to find out all about the Anglo-Saxons and this week we have been investigating where they came from and why they moved to our country. The children have enjoyed improving their rugby skills with Mr Hall. Mrs Smith from Tweedmouth Middle School made her first visit to Spittal on Tuesday to meet the children and help smooth the transition to their new school.

