



News & Events

As the weather is hopefully turning warmer, could you please ensure all jumpers and cardigans are clearly named to avoid mix-ups?

Breakfast and after school club continues to be very busy with limited spaces available. If you no longer require places please could you inform school so we can offer the place to another child?

Nursery and Reception

This week in Nursery, we've been on a roaring adventure in the jungle, inspired by the classic story 'Rumble in the Jungle!' Through our exciting activities the children have been developing their understanding of the world around them, while having loads of fun! We have met a host of jungle animals. We have learned their names and the fascinating noises they make - from the mighty lion's roar to the sneaky snake's hiss. We expanded the children's vocabulary by reinforcing new words such as 'fur', 'scales', 'trunk', 'mane' and 'stripes'. We looked at the similarities and differences between the animals. We explored the amazing textures and patterns found on different jungle animals. We saw spots on leopards, stripes on zebras and the rough, scaly skin of snakes. Our tuff tray this week was filled with jungle animal puppets, the children enjoyed retelling the story and creating their own. During sensory play, the children enjoyed printing animal footprints in a flour tuff tray. This supported their fine motor skills development and imagination. The children have enjoyed cutting out jungle animals and placing them in a jungle scene. The children particularly enjoyed looking at images of animals and then had a go at drawing their own. We have been working hard on name writing using correct letter formation and the pre-reception children have enjoyed daily phonic sessions. We have practised counting animals and enjoyed playing bingo. They've had daily opportunities to explore the field, play on the field and ride the bikes and scooters.

This week Reception have continued their literacy work based on the book 'The Extraordinary Gardener'. They have been using their phonic skills to sound out words and have produced some fantastic independent writing. We sequenced illustrations from the story and then retold it in their own words. In science, we have been learning about the different parts of a plant that you can eat. Did you know that cinnamon actually the bark of a tree?! In maths we have been using Numicon to explore making number bonds for 10 and 20. We have also been enjoying outdoor learning in the field and garden.



Stars of the Week

<u>Nursery</u>	Gracie
<u>Class 1</u>	Paige
<u>Class 2</u>	Ffion
<u>Class 3</u>	Kaine
<u>Class 4</u>	Myla
<u>Class 5</u>	Tuesday

Summer Term Dates

- Thursday 16th May
'Time to Share' 3.20 p.m.
- Friday 24th May
School closes for half term break.
- Monday 3rd June
School reopens
Year 4 Multiplication check commences (Mr Hair's class)
- Wednesday 5th June
Sports Day 1.30p.m.
- Friday 7th June
Nursery Sports Day 2.30 p.m.
- Monday 10th June
Phonics screening check week for Mrs Woodhouse's class



Class 2 and 3

Year 1 retold the story 'Dinosaurs and All That Rubbish' using time adverbials to order and adjectives to describe nouns. The children have practised counting in steps of 2 and 5 and used this knowledge to complete number sequences. In History the children found out about different jobs people undertook in castles and in science they named and identified a wide range of different garden plants. In RE the children wrote their own prayers to say thank you and in PE enjoyed developing their rugby skills. In PSHE they discussed the qualities that make a good friend.

This week Year 2 have been writing in role as the frog from the story 'Tadpole's Promise'. They thought about how the frog felt at different points in the story and included powerful verbs in their work. They also predicted how the story would end. In Numeracy the children have recalled doubles and halves to 20 and used these facts to solve problems. They investigated odd and even numbers, sorting them and explaining how they know if a 2 digit number is odd or even using mathematical language. This week in Science the children planned and carried out an experiment using cress seeds to find out what plants need to grow well. We will monitor the plants and find out the results before half term. In Geography the children looked at the countries that make up the UK and used the four compass points to describe position and give directions. RE this week looked at the story of 'Zacchaeus' and how Jesus believed people can change if given a chance.



Class 4 and 5

This week in literacy we have created paragraphs with direct speech from the book 'How to Live Forever'. We included speech marks, full stops, capital letters, exclamation and question marks. In numeracy we have looked at equivalent fractions. In science we have looked at parts of flowers and how pollination occurs. The key words in science have been stigma, anther and pollination. In history we have been looking at who the Mayans were and where they lived. We also looked at what clothes they wore and the food they ate. In P.E some of us attended the rugby festival being held at Scremerston First School. We thoroughly enjoyed the day. In preparation for an up and coming event called 'Quadkids' we have been practising throwing long distances at lunchtime. Next week we will be looking at sprinting and the standing long jump.

Class 5 have been creating tourist brochures for our story 'A Baker by the Sea.' In maths we have been learning all about money including how to recognise the various coins in our decimal system and how to convert between pounds and pence. In history we have completed our Anglo-Saxon village posters and have written some wonderful descriptions of what life was like for Anglo-Saxon villagers. In religious education we have been learning all about how Christians celebrate Pentecost. In computing we have been exploring how to move and change the character of sprites on screen. The children thoroughly enjoyed their first swimming session last week at Berwick Leisure Centre.

