



Spittal Community First School

Weekly News!

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News & Events

We have had a super busy week in school with trips to The Hirsell, the return of Mr Skippy and welcoming 3 new children into nursery. Breakfast and after school club is extremely busy and we are now operating a waiting list so could I ask parents to let us know if your plans change and a place is no longer required. As the summer has arrived and the children are removing jumpers more regularly could you please check that they are clearly named. Finally, we are planning additional trips next half term and there will be a charge of around £10 for those children in Classes 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Those in receipt of means tested free school meals will not be charged as this is funded through our pupil premium. The reception trip to a working farm has been grant funded. Further details nearer the time.

Star of the Week

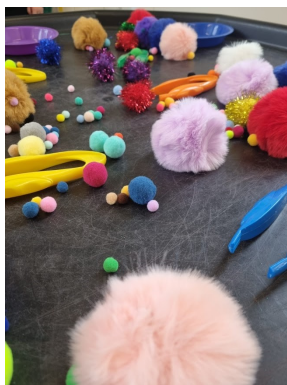
<u>Nursery</u>	Eleanor
<u>Class 1</u>	Antonio
<u>Class 2</u>	Elliot
<u>Class 3</u>	Arla
<u>Class 4</u>	Lilly
<u>Class 5</u>	Dexie
<u>Class 6</u>	Connor C

What have we been learning this week?

Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have been learning lots of new circus skills! We have had different sized pom-poms in our tuff tray, we have been practising walking along a rope and we have been using the outdoor apparatus to practise our acrobatics!

We started the week orally retelling our weekend news, we are beginning to sound out simple words and write recognisable letters. The pre-reception children are enjoying their daily phonic sessions, they can orally blend sounds together to make words. The younger nursery children are practising their nursery rhymes and colours. We have been playing listening games, following simple instructions and practising putting our coats on. We have been practising counting and forming numbers correctly, some nursery children can count to 100! All children are practising writing their names using correct letter formation. We have been outside to water our sunflowers and observe the changes. We have enjoyed playing on the field and in the mud kitchen. Tracy and Rhiannon have visited us this week and we have enjoyed our sessions with them. Next week, we are looking forward to visiting the Hirsell.



Diary Dates

Monday 16th May

Walk to school week
Year 1 visit The Hirsell

Wednesday 18th May

Nursery visit The Hirsell

Thursday 19th May

Year 4 art project
Reception visit The Hirsell

Monday 23rd May

All classes Jubilee activities throughout the week

Thursday 26th May

Jubilee tea party. Children dress in red, white and blue.

Friday 27th May

School closes for half term



Class 1

This week Reception had a special delivery... beautiful tiny caterpillars! We are excited to watch them grow. They've already doubled in size since Monday. We've been learning a lot about different minibeast life cycles and body parts. The children continue to base their writing on the story 'What the Ladybird Heard.' We decided to create our own version of the story and the children have entitled their version, 'What the Turtle Heard.' The children are still really excited about our class reading challenge. Every time they read at home they get closer to a prize! We have also been practising writing number sentences in our maths books in preparation for year 1. Another amazing week, well done, Reception.



Class 2 & 3

Year 1 and 2 had a beautiful afternoon at Seafeld Park using the ipads to take pictures of the wildlife and flowers as part of their ICT work. They looked at taking close up pictures and views and are going to use the images to produce some art-work based around their topic of plants. During Science lessons Year 1 found out about wildflowers and where they grow and in Literacy they described the character Belle and talked about her feelings. In maths they have been learning about mass and capacity, using this knowledge to read scales accurately. Year 2 visited the Hirsle this week and had a fantastic day. They found out about animal habitats and the different plants that grow on the estate. Everyone enjoyed making delicious pizzas using fresh vegetables and used knives safely to chop the ingredients.





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Class 4

In class 4 this week we have been creating pen portraits and answering comprehension questions on our book called the 'Tin Forest'. In numeracy we have been converting money into pounds and pence and we have also been looking at adding different coins together. In PSHE we have discussed compliments and how they make each of us feel. In geography we have looked at human and physical features and how they differ. In history we have started finding out about Anglo Saxons and how they invaded parts of England. Mr Skippy led a workshop with the class where he demonstrated a range of new skills for us to work on in preparation for a summer skipping festival. We visited The Hirsell this week and we created healthy muffins. The class also investigated the different habitats and ecosystems on the estate.



Class 5 & 6

This week Year 4 have enjoyed our Maths work on 2-D and 3-D shapes. We have also continued developing our designs for a fabric phone/tablet case. In Jigsaw we have been discussing how we can resolve problems that we may be having in our relationships with each other. On Wednesday Chris, the skipping coach, came to school to show us different techniques in preparation for a Skipping Festival in July. Then on Friday it was our turn to visit The Hirsell Estate in Coldstream. We all had a walk around the estate to find different animal habitats and baked muffins. What a busy week!

