

# Spittal Community First School Weekly News!

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#### News & Events

It's been an eventful week in school with activities based around the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The week ended with a Jubilee picnic and it was fabulous to come together as a school to mark this very special occasion. Next half term we have a number of trips arranged but they have all been heavily subsidised. Details we have so far are in the diary dates section. No trip will cost more than £12 with the reception trip to Kypie Farm free of charge, as this has been arranged through LEAF (Linking Environment and Farming.) We are struggling to secure buses for the trip to Northumberland Zoo for Miss Jeffrey and Miss McColl's classes so further details will be available on our return after half term. Again, this trip will be heavily subsidised and will cost £12 or less. Have a lovely half term break!

#### Star of the Week

Nursery Paige

Class I Antonia

Class 2 Louie

Class 3 Heidi

Class 4 Sophie C

Class 5 Romeo

Class 6 Tyler O

## What have we been learning this week?

## Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We have discussed the Queen, her family and where they live. We have decorated crowns using sparkling jewels, we have made flags and we have used marbling inks to make Jubilee themed pictures.

In preparation for the whole school tea party, the children enjoyed making their own sandwiches and deciding whether to cut them into triangles or squares. We enjoyed our picnic and a nice slice of cake!

In child initiated learning, the children have had the opportunity to access a tea party in the water tray, used stencils to make Jubilee pictures, explored experimenting with red sand and they have enjoyed using the playdough to make cakes and crowns.

At the Library, we read the Queen's Handbag and the children had to guess what the Queen carries in her handbag. A special thanks to Diane for inviting us to attend a "Right Royal Read" and for giving us a copy of the book.

Our vocabulary this week has included: achievement, celebration, Buckingham Palace and Platinum.





## Diary Dates

#### Monday 6th June

School re-opens

Year One Phonics Screening Check week

#### Tuesday 7th June

New reception intake evening

#### Tuesday 14th June

Year 4 small team Quad kids event

Nursery Open Evening

#### Wednesday 15th June

Mr Straughan's class visit Centre for Life £12 per child

#### Friday 17th June

Year 4 small team Commonwealth Sports activity day

### Tuesday 28th June

Miss Lundy's class visit Kypie Farm-no charge

#### Wednesday 29th June

1.30 p.m. Sports Day

2.15p.m. Nursery Sports Day

#### Tuesday 5th July

Reserve Sports Day

Fun in the Sun lunch

#### Wednesday 6th July

Move up day

#### Friday 8th July

Mr Hair and Miss Bayly's classes visit Dynamic

Earth £10 per child

### Friday 15th July

2.30 p.m. Nursery Graduation

#### <u>Monday 18th July</u>

Skipping competition

#### Tuesday 19th July

Leavers assembly



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### Class I

Reception started the week by learning about spiders. We learnt that when spiders hatch out of their eggs they are called spiderlings,. Each web is unique just like our fingerprints and spiders are not insects, they are in fact arachnids because they have more than six legs. We went on a spider hunt to find their habitats and took photos of any that we found on the iPads. Reception then learnt about the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We were all amazed that the Queen was crowned 70 years ago and that she is the longest

reigning monarch. We made crowns, invitations, flags, scones, sandwiches and so much more! We

have loved being creative this week!

This week's vocabulary; Jubilee, spiderling, hatch, arachnid, insect.



## Class 2 & 3

Year I and 2 have a fantastic and fun week celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. They made their own name cards for the street party, painted Union Jack flags to wave and made their own crowns to wear for the celebration. Everyone enjoyed icing their own cake and biscuits for the party using the Union Jack colours and making sandwiches. A fantastic party was held on Thursday afternoon where all the children enjoyed eating their own afternoon tea. What fun!

Year 2 have now completed their Design and Technology project, each child made their own piece of bunting for the Jubilee and it is now all sewn together and displayed within the school. A great memento to remind us all of this special day! Well done everyone.

This week's vocabulary; germinate, nutrients, Platinum, Jubilee.







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### Class 4

In literacy this week we have created a jungle illustration and written a diary extract pretending that we were walking through our very own jungle. We used all of our senses to imagine we were in the tropical jungle and included lots of amazing words such as: jovial, clandestine and cornucopia to describe our experiences. In numeracy we have moved onto shapes and we have been finding out about equilateral, isosceles and scalene triangles. In history we have been writing about what it would feel like to live in an Anglo Saxon village. We described what we would do for fun and the different jobs people would carry out around the village. In P.E we have been improving our cricket skills with Miss Ainslie and Mr Croser. We focussed on game situations where we would have to bowl, field and bat efficiently and work as a team. In art we have been getting creative to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We decided to create royal crowns and our very own party bags. We all enjoyed the school party together and sang the national anthem with great enthusiasm.

This week's vocabulary; equilateral, ferocious & content.





## Class 5 & 6

This week we finished reading 'The Tin Forest', our class book. Following on from this the children did some wonderful illustrations of a living jungle and then described their journey through it. In maths we have been working on our tables, please encourage your child to practise their multiplication tables in the holidays. In history the children did some incredible writing about living in an Anglo-Saxon village and we were very proud of their work. Yesterday we had a wonderful Jubilee tea party. The children really enjoyed making their own crowns and party food.

This week's vocabulary; Platinum Jubilee, coronation, Celts, thatched, wattle, daub.

