



Spittal Community First School

Weekly News!

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News & Events

Welcome back and I hope you had a lovely half term break. As the weather is hopefully improving the children will be spending longer periods of time outside. Could you please ensure they have sunscreen applied in a morning and we are more than happy to support the children to apply top ups during the day if you send a named bottle of sunscreen into school. Can I also ask that you check your child's name is clearly marked in all jumpers and cardigans to avoid mix ups?

I have included some comments made by the children about their learning this week for each class.

Star of the Week

<u>Nursery</u>	Finn G
<u>Class 1</u>	Mila
<u>Class 2</u>	Alice
<u>Class 3</u>	Levi
<u>Class 4</u>	William
<u>Class 5</u>	Lewis F
<u>Class 6</u>	Charlie
<u>Lunchtime Award</u>	Brody

What have we been learning this week?

Nursery

In Nursery this half term, we are learning all about Space. This week we have started to learn the names of all the different planets and have been investigating planet Earth. We enjoyed experimenting with a globe and making our own maps, we used green to represent the land and blue for the ocean. We have sorted 3D shapes to find spheres like the Earth. We played with spinning hoops and discussed how Earth spins and travels through space. We have enjoyed playing with small world rockets, astronauts and space themed playdough mats. We enjoyed following a recipe to make moon dough. We collected and named the ingredients, listened to the noises the baking powder made as added water and described what the dough looked like as we added black gel and silver glitter. Our new vocabulary this week has included 'astronaut', 'asteroid', 'planets' and 'space shuttle'.

We have had sessions with Tracy and Rhiannon. On Thursday morning we returned our books to the library and selected new space themed story books for our reading area. We have enjoyed playing in the nursery garden and on the bikes and scooters.

Next week, our focus will be 'The Sun'.



Diary Dates

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

Monday 20th June

Year 4 small team Cricket competition

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

Thursday 7th July

Miss McColl and Miss Jeffrey visit Northumberland Zoo. £12 per child

Friday 8th July

Mr Hair and Miss Bayly's classes visit Dynamic Earth £12 per child

Friday 15th July

2.30 p.m. Nursery Graduation

Monday 18th July

Skipping competition



Class 1

In class this week we have begun to explore the story 'Billy's Bucket'. The children have been excited to see our caterpillars transform into butterflies. We released 4 butterflies this week. New vocabulary; egg, chrysalis, hatch, water cycle.



In our classroom we had a bucket as a present. I wonder what we will use the bucket for? We have been finding out about water. It comes from taps and comes from rain. It rains in my world and the whole world. The whole world needs to have rain. We enjoyed playing on the field.

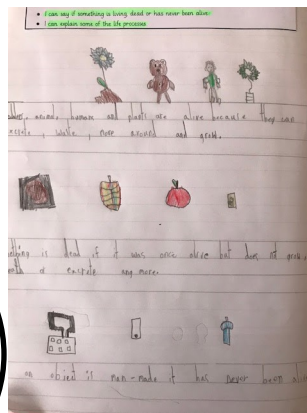
Kenzie and Harry J

Class 2 & 3

Year 1 and 2 have been very busy this week reviewing their set 2 sounds in phonics and using 'Fred Talk' to read and write set 3 words. The children have practised pinching their sounds on their fingers and using this knowledge to spell words correctly. In PSHE the children have started looking at how they grow from a baby to an adult and how their body and feelings change as this happens. In science they have looked at the 7 life processes to identify if something is alive, dead, or has never been alive. This week the children have had fun on the field playing cricket in PE, they have practised bowling the ball at wickets and looked at overarm and underarm throws to pass the ball. A super week back after half term!

In science we are learning about where cress grows well. I've enjoyed every day!
Isla

I enjoyed finding out about 2 D and 3D shapes. Blake F



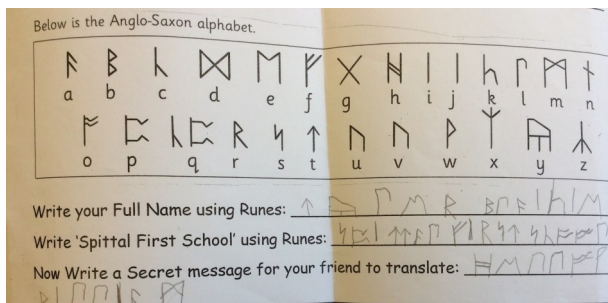
In science we went to the park and took some photo's of plants. We tried to draw them. We practiced our real and alien words. I enjoyed learning about heights. I enjoyed splitting, finding halves and quarters in maths. By Fletcher and Gracie-Mae.



Class 4

This week in literacy we have been introduced to our new book called 'The Pebble In My Pocket'. It tells the story of the journey of a stone. In the book we looked at the illustrations of volcanoes, dinosaurs and the early humans that walked the earth. We used our knowledge and understanding of the story to help us answer questions.

In history we have been looking at Anglo Saxon runes. We have been using the Anglo Saxon alphabet to write our name, school name and to create a secret message to our friend to translate.



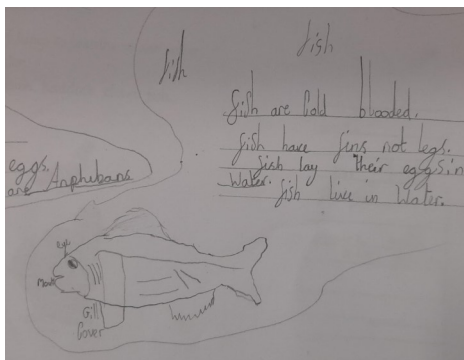
Through the book 'Pebble in my Pocket' we have been finding out about the different stages of time and life. We used the dictionaries to find out the meaning of new words like glacier and blizzard. In maths we have been learning about diagonal, horizontal and vertical lines.

Maths is always my favourite lesson.

I enjoyed the history lesson. By Annie and Oenone

Class 5 & 6

This week, Year 4 have started a new book called 'Pebble in my Pocket' which charts the history of our planet from a geological perspective. It's quite a demanding book but contains lots of exciting information and illustrations about volcanoes and dinosaurs amongst other things. In maths we have been learning about angles and symmetry and working hard on learning our tables. We have played rugby and football rounders this week and it is great to see the children's throwing, catching and team skills developing. Next week those children going to Tweedmouth Middle School will be going on their first transition visit.



In science we have been learning about mammals, reptiles and amphibians. We drew pictures of different types of animals. I liked the story of 'Pebble in my Pocket'. I liked all of the facts about how the pebbles were made. We all enjoyed football rounders. By Joey and Anaiya