### Spittal Community First School Weekly News!

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#### News & Events

We have some fabulous news to share. Miss Hattle gave birth to a baby girl and both are doing well. Mrs Mutch has now started her maternity leave and Miss Jeffrey will take over as class teacher. School is closed for half term next week and we hope you have a lovely break and we look forward to seeing you back on Monday 6th November.

#### What have we been learning this week?

### Early Years

This week in Nursery, we based our learning around the children's favourite nursery rhyme - 5 Currant Buns. We have recited and sequenced the rhyme - using props to support their learning. We tasted and described real currant buns - the children used vocabulary such as 'sweet', 'sticky', 'round', 'fat' and 'juicy'. They created currant buns for our wall display using a variety of materials and they have practised ordering, counting and recognising numbers to 5. The children also enjoyed a dressing up afternoon and outdoor time on bikes and scooters. In gardening group, the children carved pumpkins and had a messy play afternoon whilst listening to 'spooky' music. The children participated in Yoga and we went to the library. The children have worked really hard this half term, well done Nursery!

Reception have really enjoyed our last week of half term. In literacy we ordered pictures from our story, 'Bringing the Rain to Kapati Plain' and then used our phonics to sounds out labels. In maths we have been subitising and discussing how we 'see' different numbers. We have also been experimenting with different painting and print-making techniques. First we used scrunched-up paper to print an autumn background then used a black pen to draw leaf outlines. Our next project was to print a pumpkin. We used paintsticks, a water spray and a cake tin. Ask us how we made out prints. It was great fun!



#### <u>Star of the Week</u>

Nursery	Eleanor
<u>Class I</u>	Leo A
<u>Class 2</u>	Ariana
Class 3	Mila
<u>Class 4</u>	Holly
<u>Class 5</u>	Luke

#### Diary Dates

#### <u>Autumn Term</u>

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November School re-opens. Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November School Act of Remembrance Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November Anti-bullying week Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November Children in Need; Children wear spotty clothing



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#### <u>Class 2 & 3</u>

This week in Literacy Year I continued their work on the story 'Astro Girl'. The children have learnt how to make simple inferences based on what has happened in the story so far, writing in the role of characters from the story. The children described nouns using adjectives and worked hard to record their ideas independently. The children have practised sequencing and reading the days of the week and have been counting backwards from any given number within 20 during numeracy. In science the children have been learning about animal diets. They have described each diet and can group animals into carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. The children enjoyed ball skills this week and were practising dribbling and passing the ball to each other. They have enjoyed designing and creating pumpkins using a range of materials and painting autumn trees in art and enjoyed shared reading with year 4 to end the week. Well done year I. Another super week!

Year 2 had a very busy week and have been working very hard. In Literacy they have written a sequel to our Goldilocks and The Three Bears story, explaining the jobs the characters might be doing now and where they might live. In Numeracy they have looked at using their number bonds to 10 to help recall addition and subtraction facts for numbers to 20 and have written the fact families that go with these. This week the children discussed and looked for examples of information technology as part of their ICT lesson and in Science they undertook an experiment to see how their bodies change when they exercise. To finish the week the children have drawn and used watercolours to produce some beautiful artwork of squirrels. Another fantastic week!









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#### Class 4

In Year 3, we have really enjoyed learning about plurals and the different spelling rules. We linked this with our current book 'The First Drawing' and used the plurals in the text to help create a diary extract of a day in the life of a cave child. We have also started learning about question marks and exclamation marks which will help us to recognise exclamatory and interrogative sentences. In numeracy we have been strengthening our knowledge of addition using columns to add 2 and 3 digit numbers together. In Religious Education we discussed the life of Jesus and where Christianity was founded. We also discussed why some images of Jesus may look different in different books or countries.



### Class 5

We have started reading a new book this week called 'The Mermaid of Zennor' which is all about a Cornish mermaid. The children have been increasing their vocabulary by discovering unfamiliar words in the text and then finding out their meaning. They have written some fantastic mermaid letters this week. In maths we have been looking at doubling and addition word problems. In science the children had great fun investigating how the human stomach breaks down food. In geography we have completed our study of the United Kingdom by looking at its physical features. In art we have been painting some Autumn trees. Please encourage your child to read their books during the holidays as they will receive double points.



