



#### News & Events

Welcome back to the final half term! The year is flying by. This is the busiest time of the year, with many trips and events. Please could you ensure that any money coming into school is in a named envelope? If the weather ever brightens up you are welcome to send in sunscreen so the children can be protected as we spend increasing amounts of time outdoors.

#### Star of the Week

<u>Nursery</u>	Paige
<u>Class 1</u>	Casey
<u>Class 2</u>	Antonio
<u>Class 3</u>	Elliot
<u>Class 4</u>	Morgan C.
<u>Class 5</u>	Kyle H.

#### Diary Dates

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

#### Nursery and Reception

In Nursery this half term, our topic is 'Under The Sea'. On Monday, the children all shared their holiday news whilst being encouraged to use complete verbal sentences. The children practised extending their sentences by using joining words - 'and', 'but', 'so', 'then' and 'because'. As part of our Literacy focus, we started looking at the book 'Surprising Sharks'. In small groups, we looked at the title of the book and discussed the word surprising. We then described good and nasty surprises. The children were then asked to consider what surprises they might find out about sharks. The children have also been working on number recognition. To support their development, I would appreciate it if you could use the purple flashcard books for a few minutes each night. The older nursery children have also started using the school reading scheme books in preparation for September. Please could you encourage your child to retell the story, name the characters and link to their own experiences, then write a comment in the white reading record. The Reception children have been writing facts about sharks, using their phonics to sound out words. In maths we have been subtracting numbers by taking away. We drew dots on strips of paper then used scissors to cut some off (ask your child to show you)



#### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Phonics screening check week for Miss McColl's class

Year 4 lunch at Tweedmouth Middle School.

#### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June

Mr Hair's class visit to Dance City.

#### Week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> June

Creative fortnight based on the book Magic Trash. Environmental regeneration theme.

#### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June

Sports Day 1.30p.m.

#### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

RNLI water safety visit

Union Chain Bridge visit for Miss McColl and Mrs Mutch's classes.

#### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Dance workshops

#### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June

Gardening workshops

Dance workshops

#### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Miss McColl's class visit The Hirsell

Gardening workshops

#### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Reserve sports day.

Nursery visit The Hirsell

Big Cig Virtual Concert. Back to the '80's. 1980's fancy dress optional.

#### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June

UK Parliament outreach session for Year 4

Dance workshops and performance 3 p.m.

#### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June

Mr Hair Class visit The Hirsell

Gardening workshops

#### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Nursery Sports Day



### Class 2 and 3

This week Year 1 and 2 started to read a new story entitled 'Storm Whale'. The children have been making inferences and writing descriptive paragraphs about some of the illustrations in the book. In science Year 1 have started to learn about the different seasons. The children learnt about the four seasons, the months in each season and what the weather is like during each season. Year 2 started to learn about the 7 different life processes. They sorted out objects that were alive, never alive or dead. They also learned the acronym MRS GREN. In maths Year 2 have continued to learn about time. The children were reading time in 5 minute intervals. In Year 1 the children have been learning about fractions. The children have been finding halves and quarters of shapes and amounts. In PE the children enjoyed playing Tri golf and have completed a lighthouse directed drawing that they then painted using water colours and have enjoyed printing with a variety of materials.

#### Vocabulary:

Movement, respiration, sensitivity, growth, reproduction, excretion and nutrition.

Seasons, months, spring, summer, autumn, winter, weather



### Class 4 and 5

This week in literacy, class 4 have been working on accurately putting speech marks into our sentences. We have also been looking at where question and exclamation marks go when using direct speech. In numeracy, we have been looking at non-unit fractions and finding quantities of an amount. In P.E we have started developing our cricket and golf skills. Some of us attended the quad kids event at Berwick Middle School where we competed against other schools in different athletic events. Our words of the week are; non-unit fractions and quantity.

Class 5 have started to study a new book called 'The Giant Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry. The book is all about the rainforest habitat and the very important and topical issue of sustainability. The children are going to write their very own information texts about the Amazon rainforest. In maths we are working on solving problems involving time. We are also going to complete our multiplication tables check over the next two weeks. On Thursday Classes 4 and 5 had a wonderful day out in Glendale at 'The Children's Countryside Day'

