



# Spittal Community First School

## Weekly News!

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### News & Events

Welcome back to what is shaping up to be the busiest half term of the year! We have arranged for the whole school to visit The Maltings panto this year on Tuesday 19th December. A contribution of around £10 per child will be required but this will be confirmed as soon as we have transport arrangements in place. Miss Jeffrey and Mrs Woodhouse class Christmas party will move to Wednesday 20th December.

### What have we been learning this week?

#### Early Years

Nursery have had a really busy first week back! We have been learning the nursery rhyme Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star. We had been learning to sequence parts of the rhyme and have made twinkling stars for the class display. We have also been learning about Bonfire Night. We have discussed the sounds and movements of the fireworks. We have described fireworks using vocabulary such as "whoosh", "flicker", "crackle" "nosy" and "bang". We have been busy drawing and painting fireworks. The children particularly enjoyed mark making in a tray of lentils. We have been playing lots of games to develop our phonological awareness. We have been listening to and identifying environmental and animal noises. The children were able to correctly identify wind, rain, sea and water sounds.

In Reception, this half term we are learning about 'Festivals and Celebrations' from different countries and religions. We started off learning about Bonfire Night and used oil pastels on black card to create vibrant fireworks pictures. In addition to our topic work we have been learning about Remembrance Day and the significance of the different coloured poppies. We carefully made our own clay poppies and chose to paint them red, black, purple or white. In literacy we have started our new book, Look Up!. It is all about a young girl who loves astronomy and wants to be an astronaut. We discussed what sort of jobs we would like in the future.



### Star of the Week

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| <u>Nursery</u> | Skyler   |
| <u>Class 1</u> | Leo Y    |
| <u>Class 2</u> | Pauls    |
| <u>Class 3</u> | Louie B  |
| <u>Class 4</u> | Abigail  |
| <u>Class 5</u> | Harrison |

### Diary Dates

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Children in Need; Children wear spotty clothing

#### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November

School Christmas Fair 2 p.m.

#### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas jumper day.  
Christmas lunch.

#### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas performance Mr Straughan and Mr Hair 9.30a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

#### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas performance Miss Richards and Miss Bayly 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

#### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas performance Mrs Woodhouse and Miss Jeffrey 9.30a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

#### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Mr Straughan and Mr Hair Christmas party

#### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Whole school visit The Maltings Panto.

#### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Mrs Woodhouse and Miss Jeffrey Christmas party.

#### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

Miss Richards and Miss Bayly Christmas party

#### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

School closes 3.20 p.m.



### Class 2 & 3

Year 1 and 2 have had a fantastic week in school learning all about the First World War and Remembrance Day. They enjoyed a walk to the War Memorial in Spittal to look at the beautiful poppy displays and discussed how people remember the soldiers that died or were injured in the war. They also looked at the different coloured poppies on display at Spittal Community Hall and talked about what they represent. When they returned to school the children completed some beautiful watercolour paintings of poppies and made their own poppy to wear during our 'Circle of Remembrance'. They also looked at when the war happened on a timeline and wrote some questions about photos from the time. In their PE session this week the children continued to develop their team work skills to try and rescue an injured animal and used the chime bars in music to tap out different rhythms. A super start to the half term! Well done everyone.







### Class 4

In literacy Class 4 had to imagine that we had seen a huge woolly mammoth just like the main character in our book 'The First Drawing'. We focused on using contractions and expanded noun phrases. We also had to act out a scene from the book where the boy's family were frightened by the drawing that the boy created on the wall. In history we have been learning about Remembrance Day. We took part in a live lesson from the BBC where we created our very own poems about the importance of this day. In P.E we have been finding out about Ed Stafford and created shelters similar to his. In ICT we have been using our editing skills to create an E-Safety poster. This will help us when we take the next step into animation.



### Class 5

Class 5 have really enjoyed reading our new book 'The Mermaid of Zennor' and this week have started to write their own version of the book from the mermaid's point of view. In maths we have been learning how to subtract 3 and 4 digit numbers using columns and refreshing our knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes. In science we have been investigating food chains. In geography we have started to look at world climate zones and biomes. We have been learning how the internet works in information technology and looking at how information travels along networks. In P.E. we have been developing our ball skills

