



Spittal Community First School

Weekly News!

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News & Events

I hope you have had a lovely break and the children are refreshed and ready to face what will be a busy half term. With Covid restrictions relaxed, we can finally get back to a more normal way of operating unless there is a spike in cases and we are advised by Public Health to reintroduce some measures. We are planning to keep the one way system where possible, alongside the current drop off and pick up times. However, please be aware the gate is locked at 8.55 and registers close at 9.05 a.m. Please try to arrive on time. Just a gentle reminder that PE uniform is plain black joggers, leggings or shorts and a school sweatshirt. As we move into summer uniform any donations of items that no longer fit will be gratefully received. Finally we are looking forward to revisiting The Hirsels.

There will be no charge for this trip as the PTA are funding the cost of the buses.

Star of the Week

<u>Nursery</u>	Jax
<u>Class 1</u>	Kaine
<u>Class 2</u>	Paige
<u>Class 3</u>	Scarlett
<u>Class 4</u>	Lilly M
<u>Class 5</u>	Holly
<u>Class 6</u>	Tarrin

What have we been learning this week?

Nursery

This half term, our new topic is The Circus. This week we have been learning all about the shapes, patterns and colours we see at the circus. We have explored different colours by printing patterns and painting pictures. The children have particularly enjoyed playing with different coloured sand and textured flakes. We have used large chalkboards and coloured chalks to practise writing our names. On Monday, we practised orally retelling our holiday news, then everyone had a go at drawing a person. The older nursery children are beginning to hear some initial sounds and can write recognisable letters. They have enjoyed orally retelling stories using books from the school reading scheme. They are learning to identify Kipper, Chip and Biff! Our new vocabulary this week has included "clowns", "tent", "acrobats" and "trapeze". The children have also enjoyed playing with all the new toys and dressing up costumes that Mrs Kiff ordered for us.

This week we also welcomed Mrs Wood who started working in the nursery.



Diary Dates

Monday 2nd May
School closed for May Bank Holiday

Tuesday 3rd May
School photographer for class photographs

Friday 6th May
Year 4 printmaking workshops

Tuesday 10th May
Year 2 visit The Hirsels

Wednesday 11th May
Year 3 and 4 Mr Skippy workshops

Thursday 12th May
Year 3 visit The Hirsels

Friday 13th May
Year 4 visit The Hirsels

Monday 16th May
Walk to school week
Year 1 visit The Hirsels

Wednesday 18th May
Nursery visit The Hirsels

Thursday 19th May
Year 4 art project
Reception visit The Hirsels

Monday 23rd May
All classes Jubilee activities throughout the week

Thursday 26th May
Jubilee tea party. Children dress in red, white and blue.

Friday 27th May
School closes for half term



Class 1

This half term Reception are learning all about minibeasts! We started the week by listing all the minibeasts know and discussing why we think they are so important to our world. We then went on a minibeast hunt and found; slugs, snails, worms, woodlice, beetles and ants. We loved looking closely at the slugs and snails and enjoyed watching how they move. We ended the week by receiving and setting up a 'worm world' and we are so excited to see what happens! Our story this half term is 'What the Ladybird Heard.' In maths we continue to work hard learning about doubles, halving and odds and evens!



Class 2 & 3

Year 1 and 2 have had a very busy week. They have been introduced to their new book for the half term 'The Bee that Spoke' and have looked at the pictures carefully to describe the setting using adjectives. They then used their ideas to write a descriptive poem. In RE they have started to look at the Islamic Faith and have discussed the 5 pillars of Islam and described why they are important. In Science they have found out what plants need to grow well and the different stages of a plant's life cycle. This week they have enjoyed learning to throw and catch the rugby ball in PE. Well done, a great first week back!

Year 2 have been extra busy this week as they enjoyed a visit to 'The Granary Gallery' to look at a printing exhibition and enjoyed drawing and describing their favourite images. They were also visited by Linda Bankier from the Archives in Berwick and watched an interesting video of Berwick in the past. They have also started swimming lessons! A fantastic week!





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Class 4

In literacy, we have been working on conjunctions and speech marks. In numeracy we have worked with tenths within larger numbers and we have practised adding decimals. In science we have been classifying animals into different groups. In P.E we have completed a mission which relied on teamwork to cross a bridge to place water into a vessel. We all worked hard together and completed the mission with flying colours. In PSHE we have looked into different scenarios that may occur when we disagree with each other. We have discussed how to resolve small conflicts and reinforced what the next steps should be if we can't.



Class 5 & 6

In literacy this week we have been working on improving our sentences using conjunctions and speech punctuation. In maths we have started to investigate two dimensional and three dimensional shapes. We have had lots of fun in P.E. this week and are learning new skills in both cricket and rugby. In design and technology we have been designing a new phone/games console case. On Friday we visited the Granary Gallery in Berwick to look at an exhibition entitled 'Along British Lines' which ties in very nicely with our recent topic on printmaking.