



# Spittal Community Primary School

## Weekly News!

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### News & Events

Welcome back! This half term is, as usual, shaping up to be really busy. New dates have been added to the list. Keep an eye out for further dates. A huge well done to the Year 5 boys' football team, who represented our school brilliantly at the Area Football competition. They played with great teamwork and determination and were very unlucky not to achieve the results they hoped for. We're all incredibly proud of their effort and sportsmanship! We are looking to form a formal PTA and if you are interested in being involved, we will hold a first meeting on Monday 10th November at 3 p.m.

### Stars of the Week

<u>Nursery</u>	Seren
<u>Reception</u>	Autumn
<u>Class 1</u>	Kaiden
<u>Class 2</u>	Theo
<u>Class 3</u>	Ivy
<u>Class 4</u>	Lochlan
<u>Class 5</u>	Sam

### Nursery and Reception

This week, we have been twinkling and shining like stars, exploring the enchanting world of 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star'. We had been learning to sequence parts of the rhyme and have made twinkling stars for the class display. Our key vocabulary has included "twinkle", "sparkle",

"bright", "night", "sky" and "star". We connected our stargazing to learn about Bonfire Night. We've discussed how fireworks light up the night sky, much like stars! We have discussed the sounds and movements of the fireworks. We have described fireworks using vocabulary such as "whoosh", "flicker", "crackle", "noisy" and "bang". The children have created beautiful firework pictures, capturing the colourful explosions in the sky and painted vibrant flames for a fiery display. The children particularly enjoyed mark making and copying patterns in a tray of lentils. We have also followed instructions to make chocolate sparklers using breadsticks, chocolate and sprinkles. The children explored their autumn bags and used the resources to make bonfire pictures.

Reception have really enjoyed their first week back. In Literacy we have started reading 'Look Up!', which is all about a girl called Rocket who dreams of being an astronaut. This prompted a discussion about career aspirations which including becoming teachers, doctors, builders, architects and vets. Next week we will be exploring what Rocket would need to pack for her first trip into space. In maths we have naming and describing 2D shapes - particularly circles and triangles. We examined the work of the artist Wassily Kandinsky who created abstract paintings by layering shapes. We used mathematical vocabulary to describe the shapes we saw in his paintings - **round, corner, edge, flat, point, line**. During our topic lessons we have been finding out about bonfire night and the life of Guy Fawkes. We also discussed how to keep safe near a bonfire or when attending a firework display. We finished off the week with a Commando Joes session. Everyone worked collaboratively to complete our mission. Well done Reception!



### Diary Dates

#### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November

School representatives attend Remembrance Day ceremony

#### Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> November

Anti-bullying week

#### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November

School act of Remembrance  
Year 1 and 2 local walks

#### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Children in Need; Children wear spots and/or stripes clothing

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

Road safety week

#### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November

School Christmas Fair 2 p.m.

#### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November

Whole school pantomime

#### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Santa Dash! Children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers.

#### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas performance Mr Straughan and Mrs Mutch 9.30a.m. and 2.00p.m.

#### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas performance Miss Jeffrey and Mrs Woodhouse 9.30 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

Choir perform at the Dementia Cafe

#### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas performance Miss Bayly and Miss Richards 9.30a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

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

Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day

'Time to Share' 3.20p.m. (an opportunity for you to informally view your child's work)

#### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Mr Straughan and Mrs Mutch Christmas party

#### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Mrs Woodhouse and Miss Jeffrey Christmas party.

Choir perform at Tweed Connections

#### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Miss Richards and Miss Bayly Christmas party

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

Year 5 Christmas party

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

1.30p.m. Carols in the playground. No after school club. School closes.



#### Class 1 and 2

Year 1 has had a busy start to the new half term. In Literacy they started reading their new story 'Dragon Post'. They found a dangerous creature in the classroom cupboard and wrote letters of advice to solve the problem. In Numeracy the children practised recalling their number bonds to 10 and then used this knowledge to systematically work out number bonds for numbers within 10. This week the children started their new history topic 'Transport and Travel', they sequenced transport from oldest to newest on a timeline and discussed how transport has changed. As part of RE the children found out how the Jewish Community celebrates the birth of a new baby and why it is a special time. To end the week the children looked at using different lines in Art to create bonfire pictures. A super start! Well done everyone

Year 2 has had a busy start to the new half term. In Literacy they retold the story of 'The Bear Under the Stairs' in their own words using time adverbials to order and adjectives to add description. They used repeated words and phrases from the original text to improve their work. The children then planned their own version of the story by changing the character and the animal that was hiding in the house. They then used their plans to write their own version using the past tense and 'ed' words. In Numeracy the children practised recalling their number bonds to 10 and then used this knowledge to quickly work out number bonds to 20. They wrote their fact families to 20 using 2 addition and 2 subtraction number sentences. After, the children looked at using their number bonds to 10 to make number bonds to 100 by making each number 10 times larger. This week the children started their new history topic 'World War One', they looked at when the war began, when it ended and how many years it lasted. They then placed events on a timeline to show when the war happened. As part of their RE work the children looked at why advent is important to Christian people and how they prepare for the birth of Jesus. To end the week the children looked at using different lines in Art to create bonfire pictures. A super start!

#### Classes 3, 4 and 5

In numeracy this week we continued to work on tricky column addition. The children's confidence is growing and they are starting to see when to carry amounts when using columns. In literacy we have continued learning from our book 'The Barnabus Project'. This week we have created some inspiring and unique pets inspired by The Barnabus Project, incorporating expanded noun phrases, openers, and commas in our writing. In R.E we have learned about the concept of a covenant, using the story of Noah's Ark to illustrate it. The children are beginning to understand important key points in the Bible. In music we have been practicing and improving our singing skills for the upcoming Christmas play.

This week in Year 4, we have been busy learning across lots of subjects! In maths, we have been practising subtraction with four-digit numbers, learning how to exchange carefully when working with tens, hundreds and thousands. In literacy, we started our new book 'Winter's Child' and used our inference skills to predict what might happen next in the story — the children shared some fantastic ideas! In history, we explored the importance of Remembrance Day and learnt about the different coloured poppies and what they each represent. We also discovered the fascinating story of Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot — the children were amazed to learn that he dug a tunnel from a house he rented next door to the Houses of Parliament! It has been a wonderful week of curiosity, discussion and learning in Year 4.

In English, Year 5 have begun writing their extended piece of writing inspired by *The Robot Girl*. The children have shown fantastic creativity and imagination in crafting their own sci-fi narratives. Mr. Moscrop has been extremely impressed with their engagement, thoughtful ideas, and the effort they've put into their work. The book also sparked some brilliant class discussions and inference work, with students exploring key themes and ideas in depth. This week, the children have been focusing on multiples and identifying common multiples. To deepen their understanding, we took our learning outside for an active maths session, where pupils created their own Venn diagrams using hula hoops! It was a fun and challenging activity that encouraged teamwork, problem-solving, and lots of enthusiasm. In Science, we started our new topic: Living Things and Their Habitats. This week's focus was on the parts of a flower and the function of each feature. The children enjoyed exploring how each part contributes to the plant's life cycle, and they'll continue to build on this knowledge over the next few weeks. Our Geography topic this term is North America. We began by identifying the countries that make up the continent, and the children have already demonstrated excellent background knowledge and curiosity. This sets us up perfectly for an exciting and informative topic ahead!