



Spittal Community Primary School Weekly News!

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News & Events

Yesterday, Year 5 girls took part in their first football tournament at Glendale Middle School. Hopefully this will be the first of many tournaments for the team! Well done to all of the girls involved — you should be very proud of yourselves! We also have another success to celebrate. Fletcher has made it through 3 rounds of county football trials, well done Fletcher!



Stars of the Week

- Nursery Jax
- Reception Olivia
- Class 1 Dougie
- Class 2 Noah
- Class 3 Parker
- Class 4 Charlie
- Class 5 Carter

Diary Dates

Summer Term

Monday 1st June

School reopens
Year 4 Multiplication check commences (Mrs Mutch's class)

Wednesday 3rd June

Sports Day 9.30a.m. - Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3
Sports Day 1.30p.m. - Year 4 and 5

Thursday 4th June

Year 3 visit The Glendale Show

Monday 8th June

Phonics screening check week for Mrs Woodhouse's class

Year 5 visit The College Valley

Tuesday 9th June

Year 5 boat trip
Year 2 visit Pets at Home

Wednesday 10th June

Reserve Sports Day

Friday 12th June

Year 1 visit Pets at Home

Tuesday 16th June

Year 1 and 2 visit Kypie Farm and Coldstream Play park

Friday 19th June

RNLI water safety session Year 3,4 and 5 Swan Centre

Monday 22nd June

Year 4 visit Alnwick Garden

Wednesday 24th June

Nursery Sports Day 9.15a.m.
Year 4 and 5 boys football festival

Monday 6th July

Creative week

Tuesday 7th July

Reception, Year 1 and 2 trip to Alnwick Garden and Lillidorei

Thursday 9th July

Nursery graduation 9.15 a.m.
Parent/child craft session 3.20p.m.

Tuesday 14th July

Skipping festival

Wednesday 15th July

Picnic and art exhibition

Friday 17th July

School closes at 3.20 p.m. for the end of term. No after school club.

Nursery and Reception

We have had a wonderful final week wrapping up our "In the Jungle" topic! The children have shown so much curiosity and creativity as we brought our jungle learning to a close. This week, our spotlight story was an absolute favourite, 'Giraffes Can't Dance' by Giles Andreae. It is a beautiful story about celebrating our differences and finding our own unique rhythm. We used puppets to bring the story to life! The children loved acting out Gerald the Giraffe's journey and making the different animal sounds. We practiced naming a wide variety of jungle animals and looking closely at what makes them unique. We focused on the giraffe, learning how to label its different body parts (like its **long neck, ears, and hooves**). We brainstormed brilliant describing words (adjectives) to explain how a giraffe looks—focusing on words like **tall, spotted, and long**. We worked hard on our fine motor skills by carefully cutting out different jungle shapes to make a vibrant jungle collage.



Reception have had a really enjoyable week. We completed this half term's literacy work by writing from our own experience; describing how we have fun with our own families. Everyone is becoming much more confident when writing and are really trying hard to write letters with the correct formation. In maths we have been exploring teens numbers and then numbers beyond 20. We used Numicon to build numbers and have been using + and = to write calculations. To finish off our 'In the Garden' topic we created our collaged minibests and these are now on display in our classroom. We also explored the St John's Church garden and went on a flower hunt. We found a wide range of plants and flowers including calendulas, primulas, lupins and poppies. At the back of the garden, we went on an adventure through the willow tunnel and looked for minibests in the 'bug village'.





Class 1 and 2



In literacy we have continued our book "Lost and Found". The children have been working hard writing a chronological report about Arctic animals and practiced joining two words together using an apostrophe, they really enjoyed this! In numeracy this week we have been talking about position and direction. We have practiced using language like "left" "right" "above" "below" "forwards" and "backwards." We worked really hard on remembering our left and right hands. In science we have looked at the results of our plant experiment. We found out that plants need sunlight and water to survive. The plants that were growing in the dark cupboard showed no signs of growing! We have also enjoyed a lovely flower hunt to the church yard with Year 2. Then we headed to the walled park and sketched some flowers in the sun. A fantastic week!!

This week the children have been very busy in literacy continuing the story of 'The Dragon Machine'. They have looked at adding the suffix 'ment' and 'ness' to words and discussed the different rules for doing this to words. To end the week the children completed a plan for their own story about 'The Dragon Machine' and are excited to write this when they return after the holiday. In numeracy the children have looked at recognising and finding $\frac{1}{3}$ of an amount by sharing into

3 equal groups. They then found out about a whole and how to calculate this from a fraction. During science the children found out about the different ways seeds are dispersed and why this is important to make new plants. On Tuesday the children used clay to make their own hedgehogs and pinch pots. They experimented with changing the shape of the clay using different techniques and used tools to mark make. Everyone had great fun and produced some brilliant clay sculptures! Throughout the week the children have enjoyed practising their races for Sports Day and ended the week with a visit to Seafield Park to identify different flowers and sketch them. A super week, well done everyone!



Class 3, 4 and 5

We have had an incredibly busy week in Year 3, starting in literacy where we concluded our class story, Escape From Pompeii, by exploring the tragic impact of Mount Vesuvius and writing our own fantastic newspaper articles from the perspective of older Tranio and Livia. In numeracy, the children successfully wrapped up their fractions assessments and dived straight into the tricky concepts of mass and capacity, where they began learning how to read scales in intervals of 10, 20, and 50 grams. Our history lessons took us back in time as we recreated detailed Mayan villages complete with traditional farms and crops, while in PHSE, we held some very mature discussions surrounding our wants, needs, and rights as learners and individuals. Finally, alongside a huge congratulations to the children who admirably represented our school at the annual QuadKids tournament at Berwick Middle School, the rest of the class has been working hard practicing our upcoming sports day events to ensure we are completely ready for the big day the week after the holidays.

This week, the class have produced some fantastic writing in English about our new book. They have been extremely enthusiastic and fully engaged throughout all of their lessons. In maths, the class have been working hard on shape and direction. The children have focused on coordinates and translating shapes around a quadrant, showing great determination and understanding. In art, the class created their own tags to coincide with our new topic of street art. The children were incredibly creative and used their imaginations fantastically well. In science, Year 5 have continued learning about Earth and Space and created some fantastic line graphs based on sunset and sunrise times. To end the week, the girls took part in a football festival at Glendale Middle School, where they achieved an unbeaten record against the Year 5 teams. The girls also put up a great battle against the local Year 6 schools.

