



# Spittal Community Primary School

## Weekly News!

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### News & Events

Today was a glorious day for a dash along the beach! The children thoroughly enjoyed a festive themed Daily Mile! Next week we perform our nativities. The community centre will be open 15 minutes before each performance and the PTA will be on hand selling cups of tea and coffee. Due to limited capacity please attend one performance for your child only. Tissues at the ready!!

### Stars of the Week

<u>Nursery</u>	Blossom
<u>Reception</u>	Maddison
<u>Class 1</u>	Dougie
<u>Class 2</u>	Leo A.
<u>Class 3</u>	Lili
<u>Class 4</u>	Toms
<u>Class 5</u>	Gracie

### Diary Dates

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

Christmas performance Mr Straughan, Mrs Mutch and Mr Moscrop 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)

Choir perform at St Andrews Church 4 p.m.

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

Reception trip to Paxton House

#### 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.

### Nursery and Reception

In Early Years this week, all the children have worked very hard practicing for our Nativity play which is being performed next Wednesday. We were excited to visit the Spittal Community Centre for a rehearsal as that is where we will be performing next week. The children began to make a variety of Christmas crafts and cards. They have enjoyed writing letters in their writing areas and have begun independently writing lists for Santa. On Monday, we had another fantastic session with Boogie Beats. The session was based on a Winter Wonderland theme. We rounded off our week by taking part in the Santa Dash on the beach supported by our friends in Year 5.

Reception have had a great week! We have started reading a new book for Literacy - Ning and the Night Spirits. So far we have looked at the beautiful illustrations, written a letter to help Ning make friends and discussed the sounds that Ning would hear when walking in the forest near his village. We also used the word 'onomatopoeia' to describe words like 'crunch', 'swoosh' and 'rustle'. In maths we have continued exploring different ways to make numbers to five. For RE we have been learning more about the Nativity and ordered pictures from the story. To end the week we took part in the Santa Dash along the beach, practised our Nativity in Spittal Community Centre and worked with Year 4 to make Christmas decorations - what a busy day!





### Class 1 and 2

This week the children in Year 1 started their new book 'I want my hat back' and practised using question marks and question words to find out more information about the hat in the story. They then predicted what would happen to the bear next in the story, how he was feeling and what they could do to help him. In numeracy the children continued their work on 2D and 3D shapes and sorted them into groups according to their properties. During science the children continued to learn about the different seasons and focused on how the weather and environment changes. In PSHE the children looked at how people are the same and why it is good to celebrate differences. In PE the children played games to work on their agility and practised teamwork skills.

Year 2 had a fantastic week in Literacy using their knowledge of Wolves to write their own factual report.

They focused on using questions for sub-headings, different sentence openers and including the new vocabulary they found out from the book. They then produced their own introductory paragraph and created their own glossary in alphabetical order. In numeracy the children continued to use number lines to add and subtract numbers that bridge 10. They then used their number bonds to 10 to quickly solve missing number sums. To end the week the children began to use partitioning to add 2 digit numbers. During History the children focused on 'Remembrance Day' and discussed how we commemorate the soldiers who fought and died in World War 1. They then found out about the different coloured poppies and what they represent. As part of their RE work the children ordered the main events of the Nativity Story and created their own Nativity scene. To end the week the children from both classes enjoyed a fun Santa Dash along the beach. A super busy week. Well done everyone!



### Classes 3, 4 and 5

This week, our learning has been centred around our new book, 'The Tear Thief'. We spent time discussing the complex ideas within the book and explored the concept of abstract nouns. We learned that abstract nouns refer to things we cannot see, hear, taste, touch, or smell, such as emotions like sadness, joy, and confusion. We used colours to identify and express the different emotions we feel when we cry. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children to develop their emotional literacy and share their feelings. Our focus in numeracy has been on reinforcing our core skills. In particular, adding and subtracting over tens and hundreds boundaries. In PSHE (Personal, Social, Health, and Economic education), we tackled the important topic of conflict. We discussed what conflict is and how it can make us feel. Most importantly, we learned different strategies for how we can try and solve minor conflicts that we may encounter with friends, such as talking calmly, listening to the other person, and finding a compromise. Our French lessons this week were full of energy and fun! We focused on learning and practising five key action verbs. The children enthusiastically practised how to say French verbs (cooking, singing, dancing, cycling and skipping), often accompanying the words with wonderful acting!

This week, Year 4 have continued to strengthen their understanding of multiplication and division, focusing on the 3, 6 and 9 times tables. We will be moving on to the 7s and 11s next week. The children have also been making great use of TTRS to practise and build confidence with their multiplication facts. In Literacy, we completed our class text by writing introductions to our own versions of 'Spring's Daughter'. The children showed fantastic creativity and imagination in developing their stories. On Wednesday, Year 4 had an amazing afternoon of STEM at the Berwick Academy, where they took part in an exciting event called Race to the North Pole. The activities were hands-on, engaging and a brilliant opportunity to explore problem-solving and teamwork. The children have also continued to enjoy their PE sessions, developing their skills and understanding of invasion games. We ended the week with some Christmas-inspired DT activities, bringing lots of fun and festive creativity into the classroom.

This week, Year 5 have worked extremely hard across all subjects. In English, the children have been retrieving information from our class book and using it to create detailed maps, along with some fantastic illustrations of Camp Half-Blood which they will annotate next week. In Maths, they completed two end-of-term assessments covering our recent topics, and the whole class performed brilliantly—they should all be very proud of their results. In R.E., the children have been learning about the concept of the Messiah and exploring how Christmas is celebrated around the world, using their research to begin creating informative posters. We finished the week with a lively dash around the beach, supported wonderfully by our Sports Crew, who helped to set up the morning. Well done to everyone for a great week!