



Spittal Community Primary School Weekly News!

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News & Events

This week, we were pleased to host the first Year 5 football friendly match with Holy Trinity. The team played fantastically well, showcasing excellent skills and determination to secure an impressive 11-0 victory. As the weather is heating up, you are welcome to send in sun cream for your child to reapply in school when needed.



Stars of the Week

- Nursery Lochlan
- Reception Niamh
- Class 1 Braxton
- Class 2 Leo A.
- Class 3 Jaxon
- Class 4 Harry F.
- Class 5 Emiya

Diary Dates

Summer Term

Monday 4th May

Closed for bank holiday

Friday 8th May

Art workshop Year 5

Beach School Year 2

Monday 11th May

Year 4 and 5 visit The Hancock Museum

Tuesday 12th May

Class photographs.

Wednesday 13th May

Skipping workshop

Visit from Alnwick Gardener

Thursday 14th May

'Time to Share' 3.20 p.m.

Wednesday 20th May

Quadkids competition

Thursday 21st May

Year 5 girls football

Friday 22nd May

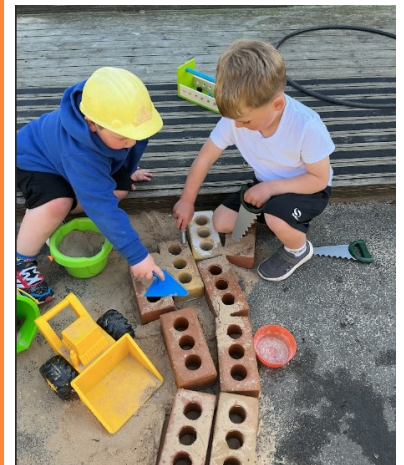
School closes for half term break 3.20p.m.

Nursery and Reception



This week in Nursery, we've been on a roaring adventure in the jungle, inspired by the classic story 'Rumble in the Jungle!' Through our exciting activities the children have been developing their understanding of the world around them, while having loads of fun! We have met a host of jungle animals. We have learned their names and the fascinating noises they make - from the mighty lion's roar to the sneaky snake's hiss. We expanded the children's vocabulary by reinforcing new words such as 'fur', 'scales', 'trunk', 'mane' and 'stripes'. We looked at the similarities and differences between the animals. We explored the amazing textures and patterns found on different jungle animals. We saw spots on leopards, stripes on zebras and the rough, scaly skin of snakes. Our tuff tray this week was filled with jungle animal puppets, the children enjoyed retelling the story and creating their own.

This week Reception have continued to read 'My Shadow is Pink' and have been discussing how the main character felt on his first day of school. We then described how we felt when going to school or nursery for the first time and made a list of things we took with us. Everyone used their phonic knowledge to write a list of items that we need for school. In maths we have been doubling numbers. We used cubes to make 'doubles towers' and then wrote calculations using + and =. On Thursday we revisited odd and even numbers. Everyone was able to sort number representations into odd and even, with many of the class completing the activity independently. We have started our new topic, 'In the Garden' and have been exploring the field in search of minibeasts. We found woodlice, ants, worms, ladybirds and butterflies.





Class 1 and 2

In literacy the children have continued their story "Beegu" Using the character for inspiration, the children have design their own alien, using lots adjectives to describe how it would look and move. In numeracy the children have continued their work on their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. The children also found out about arrays and made their own using counters. In science, the children have started an experiment watching how a seed grows inside a plastic bag with a wet paper towel . The children made their own predictions about what they thought would happen to the seed and have been drawing diagrams every day to record the progress. In geography we have started our new topic 'The Polar Regions'. The children found out the meaning of the word 'climate' and discussed what the climate is like in different countries. We have finished the week with a fantastic afternoon at beach school, discussing Grace Darling and water safety!

This week in literacy the children began their new book 'The Dragon Machine' and wrote a guide explaining where you could find dragons hiding in the school. In numeracy the children continued their work on capacity and volume. They measured how much water a container can hold and practised reading scales on measuring jugs that counted up in steps of 2, 5 and 10. They then estimated amounts of water using their knowledge of different scales. In science the children enjoyed setting up an experiment to find out 'what cress seeds need to grow well'. The children used their scientific knowledge to make predictions about what will happen. During geography the children found out about the climate of a hot and cold desert. They then sorted animals that live in these different environments. To end the week the children enjoyed an ICT session where they looked at using algorithms to program and move a robot around a grid. A super week, well done everyone!



Class 3, 4 and 5

It has been an incredibly busy and productive week in Year 3! From tackling giants to exploring ancient ruins, the children have shown fantastic curiosity and progress across all subjects. We officially wrapped up our journey with The Black Dog. The children did a wonderful job identifying the moral of the story: the importance of facing your fears and not letting them consume you. This week, we conquered the world of measurement! The children worked hard on conversions between millimeters (mm) and meters (m). After a few tricky starts, they are now much more confident in understanding the scale of different objects. We travelled across the globe to explore the Ancient Mayan Civilization. We researched their major cities and mapped out the various countries that make up South America today. We have officially reached the end of our Rocks unit. The children can now distinguish between the different properties of rocks with ease! This knowledge provides a perfect foundation for our next topic: Plants. We can't wait to get stuck into some green-fingered exploration next week.

This week, Year 4 took part in the 'Roots and Shoots' programme at Alnwick Garden. The children had a great day planting lettuce, beetroot, and potatoes. We were so pleased to see the scarecrow we had made at school proudly protecting our vegetable patch. In literacy, we started our new book, *Ever-Changing Earth* by Graham Baker-Smith. The children listened to a 60-second soundtrack and made excellent predictions about the story based on what they could hear. They discussed ideas about life-changing, prehistoric events and even the Big Bang. On Tuesday, we continued our drum lessons and enjoyed improvising. The children now have access to a practice multiplication check and have been doing exceptionally well. Well done for another great week!



In English this week, Year 5 have been coming to the end of their class book and have been planning their final piece of writing. Year 5 have also been concentrating on using a range of different fronted adverbials within their lessons. Alongside their written work, the class collectively created a front cover for the book in art, using watercolours. In maths, we have moved away from statistics and are now focusing on angles. This is a new skill for the class, but they have worked extremely well identifying different types of angles, estimating angles, and measuring them using a protractor. There have also been some excellent improvements in Times Tables Rock Stars, with one individual close to achieving 'Rock God' status. In geography, the class worked in groups to create posters about what rivers are used for. They used the internet to research, alongside their own understanding of the topic, to produce some excellent pieces of work. In science, the class continued their work on 'Earth and Space,' with a particular focus on the shape and size of the Sun, Moon, and Earth. The class have also been using their creativity and teamwork skills to build Lego structures. This week's challenge was to create a bridge capable of supporting the weight of a book.