



Spittal Community First School Weekly News!

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News & Events

The stand out activity from school this week has to be our trip to Lilidorei. Not only did the children enjoy it immensely they really demonstrated our school values in their behaviour. They talked about being respectful, kind and helpful to others and I was so proud to see this in evidence throughout the visit.

Next week is science week and on Monday the children will rotate around each class carrying out a range of scientific investigations.

Stars of the Week

<u>Nursery</u>	Scarlett
<u>Reception</u>	Kaiden
<u>Class 1</u>	Reggie
<u>Class 2</u>	North
<u>Class 3</u>	Mila
<u>Class 4</u>	Noah

Diary Dates

Spring Term

Monday 10th March

Science week.

Tuesday 11th March

Year 1 parents' phonics information session 3 p.m.

Wednesday 12th March

Longridge Cross Country

Thursday 13th March

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 visit The Maltings for 'The Hungry Caterpillar'.

Week Beginning 17th March

Parent's Evenings

Friday 21st March

Comic relief; Dress up in red!

Wednesday 2nd April

Easter Bingo 3.20 p.m.

Nursery visit The Hirsell

Friday 11th April

School closes at 3.20 p.m. for Easter. No after school club.

Summer Term

School re-opens Monday 28th April at 8.50 a.m.

Tuesday 29th April

Reception and Year 1 visit The Hirsell

Thursday 1st May

Year 2 visit The Hirsell

Monday 5th May

Closed for bank holiday

Tuesday 6th May

Class Photographs

Thursday 15th May

'Time to Share' 3.20 p.m.

Friday 23rd May

School closes for half term break 3.20p.m.

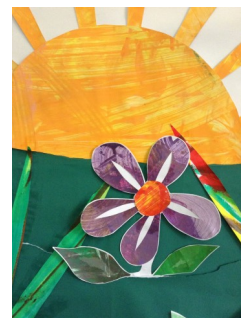
Nursery and Reception

We've had a fantastic start to our new topic, "In the Forest," and have been diving deep into the wonderful world of owls with the delightful story, "Owl Babies." The children were captivated by Sarah, Percy, and Bill's journey, and we've used the book as a springboard for lots of engaging learning experiences. We've been exploring the story, focusing on retelling the events and understanding the emotions of the little owlets. We've introduced and explored some new words, including: "owl", "branch", "dark", "swooped", "worried", "waiting", "nocturnal",

"camouflage" and "returned". We discussed where owls live and learned that they are nocturnal animals (active at night). We also learned that baby owls are called owlets. We've set up puppet and role-play resources to encourage the children to retell the story and explore the characters' feelings. The children have had a great time creating their very own paper plate owls or painting pictures of fluffy baby owls. We made tasty cornflake nests, which were a big hit!

Reception have had a great first week. We have started reading our new Literacy Tree book, 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle. On Monday we created beautiful flower collages in the style of Eric Carle. They are on display in our classroom. Our role-play area has been turned into a Garden Centre. We have been buying plants, creating flower arrangements and taking orders in the cafe. In maths we have been using vocabulary related to length - **long, longer,**

longest, short, shorter, shortest. We have compared and ordered objects, using the correct vocabulary to describe their length. On Thursday we had a brilliant day at Lilidorei. We all had a fantastic time playing on the gigantic structure and also enjoyed a story in the village





Class 1 and 2

In literacy this week the children were introduced to their new book 'Dinosaurs and all that Rubbish' and made predictions about what would happen next in the story. They used the conjunctions 'because, so' and 'if' to give reasons why and selected suitable adjectives to describe a character's feelings. In numeracy the children have been working on length and height using the words shorter, longer, shortest and longest and have measured length using cubes. During history sessions, the children started to look at their new topic 'Houses and Homes' and discussed the type of house they live in using the words terraced, detached, semi detached and a bungalow. Our PE this half term is gymnastics and the class practiced rolling and moving in different ways across a mat. Everyone had a fantastic time at Lillidorei to celebrate World Book Day and the sun shone all morning. A super start to the new half term, well done!

This week, Year 2 has been very creative in literacy. The children enjoyed writing a sequel to their book 'The Minpins' and enjoyed describing 'The Minpins' using suitable adjectives. During their writing they practised using time adverbials to sequence events and used words with the suffixes 'est' and 'er' to describe the size of The Minpins. Everyone produced an exciting story that used some powerful vocabulary. In numeracy the children focused on recalling facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times table and have written fact families. They also recognised and sorted odd and even numbers up to 100. The children could explain that even numbers are in the 2 times table and have a flat top. In history the children were introduced to their new topic 'The Great Fire of London' and became detectives looking at sources from the time. The children enjoyed asking questions about images to find out more information. During RE the children began to learn about the importance of Easter to Christian people and looked at signs of new life during this important time. In art the children found out about Tudor houses and practised drawing them using thick and thin lines to add detail. Everyone had a wonderful time during our visit to Lillidorei and had great fun playing on the equipment to celebrate World Book Day. A super start to the half term. Well done everyone!



Class 3 and 4

This week Year 3 have started their rainforest adventure! They have begun to find out where in the world these magical, green wonderlands are located. Using the rainforests as inspiration, the children created moving animals using a slider mechanism. The class have also begun to explore the text 'The Cloud Tea Monkeys' beginning their work by tasting a variety of teas and writing persuasive descriptions. I'm not sure all the teas were to the children's taste! In numeracy, the class have continued to work on developing their knowledge of fractions. They rounded off the week with an exciting trip to Lillidorei. This week Year Four focused on fractions. We learnt about mixed fractions and counting in fractions past one. The children concentrated and really enjoyed learning new mathematical skills. In literacy we started our new story 'Baker by the sea'. We had to write a job description and create an advert for a given job. The children had to use persuasive language in their advertisements. In science we have been learning about micro habitats and how they can change! We explored the school grounds to see if we could discover any habitats. The children were excellent role models and representatives on their school trip to Lillidorei, we are extremely proud of all of them!

