



Spittal Community Primary School Weekly News!

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News & Events

Unfortunately Sports Day was a bit of a wash out this week. We will aim to run the day next Wednesday. Fingers crossed for a bit of sunshine!

Please could you ensure your child comes to school with a water bottle and their jumpers are named. We have a large pile of unnamed sweat-shirts in the lost property box. Many thanks!



Stars of the Week

- Nursery Mabel
- Reception Chloe
- Class 1 Oliver
- Class 2 Maya
- Class 3 Brodie
- Class 4 Brooklyn
- Class 5 Riley

Diary Dates

Summer Term

Monday 1st June

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

Sports Day

Sports Day 9.30a.m. - Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3

Sports Day 1.30p.m. - Year 4 and 5

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

This week, we have been setting sail on a mathematical adventure with the timeless tale of 'Ten Little Pirates! 'We've had a treasure trove of learning activities that have helped the children develop their counting skills and explore the world around them. We have been counting reliability to ensure each pirate and their treasure was accounted for! We helped our pirates add one more gold coin to the pile of treasure and practised taking one away too. The children were able to cut out treasure chests and put them in the correct order, making sure our number line was ship-shape! We also explored the concept of "one less" as our little pirates disappeared from the ship one by one! We have been learning some fantastic new words from our story. Try using these with your child at home: "crew", "capsize", "glimmering", "compass" and "spyglass". Our pre-reception children have been writing their names using correct letter formation - some are now beginning to write their surnames. The children are learning to write numbers 1-10 accurately.

Reception have had a great first week back. For literacy we have been reading 'Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy' by Lynley Dodd and everyone has enjoyed joining in with the repeated phrases in the story. We have been using adjectives to describe the different types of dogs in the story and wrote a description of 'Scarface Claw' (the toughest tom cat in town!). On Thursday we began to write a non-fiction booklet all about cats and we will finish this off and illustrate it next week. In maths we have been getting to grips with the fundamentals of addition by using the words 'first, then, next' to describe how many more have been added in a calculation. We also really challenged ourselves by trying to work out missing number calculations. Our Understanding the World topic this half term is all about Spittal, Berwick and where we live. We have drawn maps of the school and have been using Google maps to find places in our local area.





Class 1 and 2

In Year 1 this week, we have been finishing our book 'Lost and Found', writing our own version of the story. The children have chosen a different animal to write about, finding it at their front door and the adventure of trying to return it to its home. We have looked at how to join two words using an apostrophe (e.g. did not = didn't), which many of the children have used independently! In numeracy, we have been looking at numbers to 100, counting forwards and backwards, finding missing numbers and ordering numbers. In history we have started our new unit of 'The Seaside, Past and Present', the children have drawn a picture of Spittal beach and written about what you can see/do there and special features.

This week Year 2 have written their own version of 'The Dragon Machine' based on the book we have been reading. The children selected their own character and changed the dragon to a unicorn. They used words and phrases from the original text to enhance their story. The finished stories were brilliant and very creative! In numeracy the children continued their work on fractions, they identified and sorted unit and non unit fractions and used this knowledge to colour different fractions. They then looked at the word 'equivalent' and found out that $1/2$ and $2/4$ were the same amount. During science the children looked at and sorted things using the headings: living, no longer alive and never been alive. This week the children were introduced to their new history topic 'Famous Astronauts'. They used a timeline to order the main events on a space timeline and found out about the space race. In PSHE the children looked at how they and animals change as they grow. Finally, in Art the children produced some lovely space pictures based on art work by Peter Thorpe, they used chalks to add texture to their work and looked at how they could make different lines by moving the chalk in different ways.



Class 3, 4 and 5

This week, Year 3 dove into our new book, Jim: A Cautionary Tale, investigating the concept of "consequences" and predicting how Jim might end up in a tricky situation, while also exploring the story's heavy use of rhyming couplets. In numeracy, the children mastered measuring mass in kilograms and learned how to calculate equivalent weights in grams and kilograms. Our history lessons took us back in time to study the Maya civilization; rather than tackling all 1,500 deities they believed in, we focused our research on 8 key creator gods. PE saw the exciting launch of our striking games unit, where the pupils developed their cricket skills in competitive team games, focusing on using individual talents to stay at the crease and score points. Finally, a major highlight of the week was our trip to the annual Countryside Day at Wooler, where the children learned all about our local area, the vital roles within the farming community, local history, how people live off the land, and the incredible ways our emergency services keep us safe.

This week in Year 4, we have continued our learning about decimals. We focused on rounding decimals up and down to the nearest whole number and worked hard to apply this skill in a range of activities. Some children have also completed their Multiplication Tables Check, and we are incredibly proud of the effort and determination they have shown. In science, we have been learning about sound. We took part in an exciting investigation where we measured and compared different sound levels using decibels. The children enjoyed exploring how sounds can vary in volume and recording their findings like real scientists. On Thursday, the children took part in Countryside Day, where they enjoyed a range of engaging outdoor activities and learned more about the natural environment. On Friday, Year 4 participated in Beach School, making the most of the opportunity to explore and learn outdoors in a different setting. It has been a fantastic week, full of learning, exploration and new experiences. A great week was had by all!

Year 5 have had a great first week back. We have continued with our class book, and the children have started to write some engaging newspaper reports about the mystery. In maths, the class have been working hard on decimals, adding and subtracting numbers with the same number of decimal places. They have also been working hard to improve their arithmetic skills through their regular starter activities. In science, the children have continued working on the topic of Earth and Space and have been looking at the different types of satellites and the phases of the moon. In history, we have started our topic on World War I. The class were extremely interested and asked lots of great questions. In P.E., the children have been working hard to improve their cricket skills through a range of batting and bowling drills, finishing with some small-sided games. In Art, the class have been perfecting their 'tag'-style graffiti.

