



# Spittal Community Primary School

## Weekly News!

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### News & Events

Welcome back to school! It's been a really positive start to the new school year and our change to becoming a primary school has been a smooth process. As we begin the term I have been pleased to see so many children wearing the new uniform. Just a reminder that PE kit should now consist of loose fit black shorts or joggers to ensure comfort, warmth and ease of movement. The new hoodies look really smart!

### Stars of the Week

<u>Nursery</u>	Jessica
<u>Reception</u>	Maliah
<u>Class 1</u>	Tommy-Lee
<u>Class 2</u>	Alfie
<u>Class 3</u>	Jaxon
<u>Class 4</u>	Louis T.
<u>Class 5</u>	Paisley

### Diary Dates

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

Year 5 begin swimming and Nursery begin Library visits.

#### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September

Seven stories 'Story Catchers' sessions for the whole school. Parents welcome;

10-10.30- Reception

10.40-11.20- Year 5

11.20-12- Year 4

1.15-1.55- Year 3

2-2.30- Nursery

2.35-3.05- Year 1 and 2

#### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

Y3, 4 and 5 girls rugby festival at Tweedmouth Middle School

#### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Year 2 visit The Guildhall for puppet performance

#### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October

Wear something yellow for Mental Health Awareness Day

#### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October

Individual photo's

#### Week Beginning 13<sup>th</sup> October

Parents' evenings

#### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October

3.20p.m. Parent/child craft session

#### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

After school film night 3.20p.m.

#### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October

School closes at 3.20p.m for half term

### Nursery and Reception

We're so delighted with how well all the children have settled in over the past couple of weeks! It's been an absolute joy to watch them get to know each other and build some lovely relationships with the staff. The children are really finding their feet and becoming confident in their surroundings. It's great to see them learning names, following instructions, and happily making their own choices during play. We've also had so much fun with our regular activities! The children have been grooving with Lisa from Boogie Beats, finding their calm with Rhiannon from Yogi Bairns, and enjoying a wonderful trip to the library to see Diane. Next week, we'll be starting our brand-new topic: Nursery Rhymes! Get ready for lots of singing and rhymes as we explore this fun theme

Reception have had a brilliant first full week. All the children have settled in very well to their new classroom and are forming some great friendships. This week we have started our Read Write Inc phonics lessons and have been working hard to read and write our new sounds. We have also enjoyed Boogie Beats and Yoga sessions. On Tuesday we were busy outside in our Reception garden and explored the mud kitchen, sandpit and construction areas.



### Class 1 and 2

Year 1 has had a very busy start to term. In Literacy they have started their book 'Cave Baby' and have been using adjectives to describe the characters and have been writing suitable noun phrases. In Numeracy the children have been grouping objects by size, colour and shape. They have practised accurately counting objects to 20 and beyond. In science they labelled the parts of a human body and in geography they searched for familiar places on a map of our local area. During PE the children started to play some invasion games and work as a team. To finish the week the children completed a directed drawing of a squirrel. A super start to the year!

Year 2 has had a lovely start to the new term. In Literacy they have started their book 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and have been using adjectives to describe the character Goldilocks and used the conjunction 'because' to extend their sentences. They then made a wanted poster to display around the school to find Goldilocks. In Numeracy the children have practised counting and ordering numbers to 20 and beyond. They then looked at using base 10 to partition numbers into tens and ones. In Science the children looked at naming baby and adult animals and then drew different animal life cycles. In Geography the children used the globe, Atlases and maps to find out how many continents and oceans there are and answer their enquiry question. To finish the week the children completed a directed drawing of a squirrel. A super start to the year!

### Classes 3, 4 and 5

This week Year 4 explored place value in maths, building strong number sense and confidence. In Literacy we began our new book, *The Baker by the Sea*, which inspired rich discussion and creativity. We also focused on online safety, learning how to stay smart and secure while using the internet. We discussed how report issues and concerns on different platforms and discussed the importance of private accounts. As part of our literacy the children enjoyed baking. They followed a recipe that was used to feed the 'fisher girls'. PE was full of energy as we played invasion games, developing teamwork and strategy skills.

It's been a fantastic start to the term with lots of exciting learning happening across the curriculum! In Maths, students have been exploring place value with numbers up to 1,000,000 through a range of activities, including some fun and active lessons. In English, we've begun a new topic inspired by Philippe Petit's incredible high-wire walk between the Twin Towers—this has sparked some brilliant discussions and creative thinking already! Our Science topic, *Animals Including Humans*, has kicked off with a fascinating lesson on the stages of human development, helping students understand how we change and grow over time. In Art, pupils have been expressing their individuality by creating silhouette artwork that reflects their hobbies and interests.

