



### News & Events

We have rearranged Sports Day for Wednesday July 1st with a final reserve day of Monday 6th July. Fingers crossed for some sunshine!

We had a Parliament Outreach visit where the children found out about the role and structure of government. They listened with great respect and asked thoughtful questions.



### Stars of the Week

- Nursery     Dusty
- Reception     Cotton
- Class 1     William
- Class 2     Riley S.
- Class 3     Francesca
- Class 4     Jack B.
- Class 5     Alyx

### Diary Dates Summer Term

#### 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

#### Wednesday 1st July

Sports Day

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

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

#### Monday 6th July

Reserve Sports Day

Creative week

#### Tuesday 7th July

Reception, Year 1 and 2 trip to Alnwick Garden and Lilidorei

#### 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

We have had a wonderfully busy, pirate-filled week in Nursery! Our imaginations have been sailing the high seas as we dived into our theme, inspired by our focus book of the week: "Pirate Gran" by Geraldine Durrant. "Pirate Gran" is a hilarious story about a perfectly ordinary-looking granny who happens to be a retired pirate! She still keeps a crocodile as a pet, wears a safe full of treasure, and uses a cutlass to cut her cake. The book got us thinking about what Gran's life was like in the "good old times" on her ship. This naturally led to lovely conversations about the children's own wonderful Nanas, Grannies, and Nannas! We talked about what makes our grans special, and then we let our imaginations run wild, imagining our grans as fierce, friendly pirates! The children worked hard on drawing their grans as pirates, focusing on representing people with distinct bodies, heads, and faces. To make them true pirates, we practiced adding specific objects like compasses, maps, and eyepatches.



Reception have had a great week. We have continued our literacy work based on 'Hairy Maclary' and have completed our 'All about Cats' booklet. Everyone has been working hard at becoming more independent when completing written work. This week we have had two tables for independent working!

In maths we have been using resources to support our understanding of 'taking away'. This can be a tricky concept but we are becoming more confident when answering take away questions. In RE this week we have been discussing special places. We drew picture of St John's church in Spittal and discussed how this is a special place for Christian people. On Friday we finished off the week with another fantastic PE lesson. We were developing our team-working skills by playing racing games.





### Class 1 and 2

In Year 1 this week, we have started our new Literacy Tree book 'Dinosaurs and All That Rubbish'. We started the week by discussing dreams and the two different meanings behind the word 'dream', to dream at night and to have a dream of something you wish would happen. The children wrote about a dream they wished would one day happen to them. We have then looked at the different settings in the story and used comparative adjectives to compare them. In Numeracy, we have been continuing our work on place value in numbers to 100. The children have used tens and ones to count numbers of cubes and order them from smallest to biggest and biggest to smallest. In history, the children have been labelling a photograph of a seaside in the past and writing about what seaside's are like today, comparing the two. This week in Literacy Year 2 has started their new book 'The Great Fire of London'. They have looked at and researched different landmarks tourists would visit in London and interesting facts about these places and have used this information to make a persuasive poster encouraging people to visit the trendy and modern city of London. In numeracy the children completed their work on fractions. They looked at recognising three quarters and finding three quarters of an amount. They then practised counting in steps of fractions to make a whole. The children have now started working on time, they have used an analogue clock face to read o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to times. They have enjoyed using small clocks to make these times using the hour and minute hand correctly. During science the children found out what a habitat was and the 4 basic needs animals must have to survive in a habitat successfully. As part of their history work the children found out about the first man to set foot on the moon - Neil Armstrong. They watched tv footage from the time and found out why it was a significant event at the time. Everyone enjoyed a fun visit to Pets at Home on Tuesday afternoon learning how to care for animals and handle them carefully.



### Class 3, 4 and 5

What a thrilling, action-packed week it has been for Year 3! In literacy, we discovered the dreadfully dark (but deeply memorable) fate of Jim from our cautionary tale, who met his end at the jaws of a lion; this sparked some fantastic discussions about the story's moral, which we explored by mastering rhyming couplets and penning heartfelt apology letters from Jim to his nurse. Our mathematical minds were put to the test as we mastered mass and capacity, confidently cracking the codes of millilitres, litres, and their equivalents. Meanwhile, the energy was electric outside as we truly got stuck into cricket, showcasing not only brilliant competitive games but also outstanding sportsmanship that was a joy to watch. We also dived into R.E., where we revisited the story of Jesus and the Leper by creating vibrant, dramatic storyboards. Things got equally hands-on in science, where we turned into real-world engineers to explore electrical circuits, mastering key vocabulary like bulbs, motors, and connectors during a buzzing practical lesson on building complete, working circuits.

In Year 4 this week we continued our science work about sound. We discussed what makes a fair test and why it is important. The children then created tables in their books to record and present their results clearly. In Maths, we have been learning about money. The children practised calculating change, adding different amounts together, and comparing the value of money. In Literacy, we completed our own cyclical stories and began exploring our new class text, "Varminits". As part of the Roots and Shoots programme, the children have been caring for the fruit and vegetables we planted in our garden. They spent time weeding and preparing other flower beds ready for more seeds, herbs, and bulbs to be planted.

This week, Year 5 enjoyed an exciting couple of days away on educational trips. Our first visit was to College Valley, where the children explored the local area and learned about the history of Kirknewton. We then ventured further up the valley to a nearby river to investigate the natural environment. The class conducted themselves extremely well throughout the day, taking part in river dipping activities and creating leaf boats. The children were highly engaged and enthusiastic, and the staff leading the activities were very complimentary about their behaviour and attitude. Our second trip was the Berwick boat trip. We travelled down the river, observing local habitats and the surrounding landscape. Afterwards, we headed out to sea; unfortunately, we had just missed seeing the dolphins, but the children still thoroughly enjoyed the experience and learned a great deal about the local environment. In Maths, we have continued our work on decimals, focusing on adding and subtracting decimals before moving on to sequencing and ordering them. In history, we have been creating propaganda posters based on World War I, producing some fantastic and thoughtful work.

