



Spittal Community Primary School

Weekly News!

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News & Events

Next week sees the start of our full offer of lunch time clubs. These clubs offer a wide range of activities, providing children to develop their talents and interests. On offer this half term are chess, football, art music, puzzles and games. The children have had the opportunity to sign up in school if they are interested.

Stars of the Week

<u>Nursery</u>	Jack
<u>Reception</u>	Niamh
<u>Class 1</u>	Sophie P
<u>Class 2</u>	Leo Y
<u>Class 3</u>	Casey
<u>Class 4</u>	Charlie
<u>Class 5</u>	Alice

Diary Dates

Tuesday 7th October

Year 2 visit The Guildhall for puppet performance

Wobbly mornings workshop 2 p.m.

Friday 10th October

Wear something yellow for Mental Health Awareness Day

Monday 13th October

Individual photo's

Week Beginning 13th October

Parents' evenings

Monday 20th October

Sports Leader training

Tuesday 21st October

Year 4 visit Berwick Town Hall

Tuesday 21st October

3.20p.m. Parent/child craft session

Wednesday 22nd October

After school film night 3.20p.m.

Thursday 23rd October

Nursery visit The Hirsell

Year 1 and 2 visit Deep Sea World

Friday 24th October

School closes at 3.20p.m. for half term

Nursery and Reception

We've had a busy and exciting week filled with movement, music, and fantastic autumn exploration! The classic nursery rhyme "Hickory Dickory Dock" was our focus, and we used it as a springboard for some fun movement activities! The children worked on their **gross motor skills** by trying out different ways to move like the mouse. We used the vocabulary of movement **Up and Down, Running, Tip Toe, Crawl!** This week sparked a curiosity about **farming and the food process**. After singing our combine harvester song, we talked about what machines do on the farm. To bring the learning full circle, we became little bakers and baked buns using flour! This hands-on activity was a wonderful way for the children to see a key ingredient, flour, transform into something delicious that they could eat. We talked about how the wheat to make the flour is grown on a farm—a great way to start finding out about the farming process! The changing season is providing us with so many opportunities for fun and learning! We had an amazing time with our **autumn activities**: **Conker rolling** was a firm favourite and a fantastic sensory and fine motor activity.

What a brilliant week we have had in reception. Last week we wrote letters to the Wild Things asking them to visit us...and they did! Two more Wild Things arrived in our classroom and we worked hard to sound out and write their names. We used the phonetic sounds we have learned and also use capital letters at the beginning of their names. In maths we have been making repeating patterns using two or three colours. We used a wide range of resources to complete our patterns and used mathematical vocabulary to describe them. In art we have drawn our own Wild Things and painted them using watercolours. Soon they will be displayed in our classroom. On Friday we had our PE session with Nicole and are continuing to develop our throwing skills.





Class 1 and 2

In Literacy, Year 1 started reading their new book 'Astrogirl'. They made predictions about what would happen and used the word 'because' to explain why. In Numeracy the children found the greatest, smallest and equal amounts. They then used the $<$, $>$ and $=$ sign to compare numbers accurately. During Science the children compared features of common animals, explaining why they were similar and different. During Art the children followed instructions to complete a directed drawing of different autumn animals and leaves. In Geography the children labelled physical and human features on a map of Spittal and in ICT the children practised dragging and dropping to sort different technology. A super week, well done everyone!



This week Year 2 has been very busy in Literacy. They continued to write their own version of Goldilocks using the first person, adjectives and time adverbials to improve their work. They then planned a sequel to the story, thinking about what Goldilocks and Baby Bear were doing when they grew up using the conjunctions 'because' and 'so'. In Numeracy the children looked at placing numbers on a number line counting in steps of 1 and 10. They then estimated where numbers to 100 would be placed on the number line using their knowledge of place value. In RE the children found out that Allah had 99 different names and found out some of the meanings. They then thought about what their own name could mean and why it is important. In Geography the children sorted physical and human features that are found in Berwick, they then completed a map of Berwick showing the different human features. To end the week the children enjoyed working as part of a team to complete a Commando Joe's mission. A super week, everyone has worked hard!

Classes 3, 4 and 5

This week in Literacy, we've been working on creating our very own versions of the story, "Leon and the Place Between." The children have shown incredible creativity and imagination in their writing. They have focused on using amazing illustrations, powerful story openers, and a wide range of descriptive adjectives to bring their tales to life. We've been so impressed with the effort and originality shown in their work! In Numeracy, our focus has been on "flexible partitioning" using base 10 blocks. This skill helps the children to understand that numbers can be broken down in different ways, which is a key concept for developing a strong sense of number and mental math abilities. They have been doing a fantastic job manipulating the blocks to explore different ways to make a number. Bonjour! In our French lessons, the children have started learning some essential conversational phrases. This week, we practiced how to say hello to someone ("Bonjour!") and how to respond. It's wonderful to hear them confidently using their new vocabulary.



This week in Year 4, we had a fantastic time. In Maths, we learned how to read and write Roman numerals, and the children enjoyed spotting them in clocks and books. In Computing, we had some discussions about Artificial Intelligence, thinking about how realistic it can be and where we encounter it in everyday life. In Geography, we focused on the counties in the north of England and used maps and atlases to locate them. We also learned about the countries that make up the United Kingdom and had great fun drawing and colouring their flags. In Art, we explored how to express emotions through drawing. The children experimented with facial expressions and colour to show different feelings — some very thoughtful and creative work was produced! In PE, we continued building our teamwork and strategy skills through more invasion games. The class showed great energy, cooperation, and sportsmanship throughout the sessions.

Year 5 have had a super week full of creativity and learning! In English, the children wrote exciting newspaper articles about Philippe Petit's flabbergasting walk between the Twin Towers, really capturing the drama of the event. In maths, they have been practising mental strategies for addition and subtraction, as well as revisiting column methods to strengthen their written calculations. Our wildlife topic continued in art, where the class produced fabulous drawings of local birds, showing great care and detail. In PE, the children developed their agility, balance and coordination through invasion games, while in music they ended the week on a high with a fantastic performance of Living on a Prayer by the legendary Bon Jovi. Well done Year 5 on a brilliant week!