



News & Events

What a busy week we've had. Visits have taken place to Newcastle Foundation where a group of children took part in activities and met players Jacob Murphy and Tino Livramento. Year 4 also supported the Memory Laners group with their panto...Oh yes they did! Year 3 visited The Swan Centre for a bowls session and Year 4 took part in filming for the Berwick Shines project. The children were a credit to you and the school.



Stars of the Week

- Nursery Milo
- Reception Eleanor
- Class 1 Paige
- Class 2 Alekss
- Class 3 Louie B.
- Class 4 Alice

Diary Dates

Spring Term

Wednesday 29th January

Chinese New Year lunch-Wear something red!

Thursday 30th January

Chinese circus skills workshops-whole school- Normal school uniform.

Monday February 3rd

Year 4 visit Berwick library for a fossil hunting storytelling session.

Wednesday 5th February

Pyjama day for National Storytelling Week

Thursday 6th February

'Time to Share' 3.20 p.m. An opportunity for you to come into school to view your child's work.

Friday 7th February

NSPCC Number Day;

Parent and child game creation session 9 a.m.

Children wear an item of clothing with a number on it!

Tuesday 11th February

Parent workshop on supporting behaviour and emotion. 2-3 p.m.

Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 12th February

After school disco 3.20-4.20 p.m.

Friday 21st February

School closes for half term 3.20p.m.

Monday 3rd March

School re-opens

Thursday 6th March

World Book Day. Dress as your favourite story character

Monday 10th March

Science week.

Tuesday 11th March

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

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.

Friday 11th April

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

Nursery and Reception

This week, we have been exploring the wonderful story of "The Ugly Duckling" by Hans Christian Andersen. The children have enjoyed listening to the story of "The Ugly Duckling" being read aloud. They have re-told the story using puppets and props, sequenced pictures of the story and engaged in role-play activities. We have also learned about the different stages of a duck's life cycle: egg, duckling and adult duck. The children have learned to identify and label key features of a duck, such as its **beak**, **wings**, **feathers**, and **webbed feet**. We have created beautiful handprint swans as a creative expression of the story



This week Reception have been working hard across all areas of our curriculum. In literacy, we created detailed storymaps to retell the story of 'Super Milly and the Super School Day'. Everyone drew detailed pictures of the characters and then included labels, captions and sentences to further explain the story. In numeracy we have been comparing the weight of different objects by using vocabulary such as 'heavy', 'heavier', 'heaviest', 'light', 'lighter', 'lightest', 'same' and 'balance'. Everyone has completed their winter tree picture by using dark graphite crayons to draw the silhouette of a deciduous tree on their watercolour background. They are all displayed in the classroom.





Class 1 and 2

This week in literacy year 1 continued to read 'The Odd Egg'. The children made predictions about what each of the birds babies would be like and included possessive apostrophes in their writing. The children created Egg Spotter fact files by turning notes into sentences and used technical vocabulary to add detail to their writing. In numeracy the children have been adding up to 20 by counting on and have added ones using their knowledge of number bonds. In geography the children continued to learn about the UK. This week the children learnt about the flags, symbols and names and locations of important landmarks. During science the children explored, sorted and described the properties of different materials and enjoyed finding these around the classroom. To finish off the week the children enjoyed bird spotting and learning about different types of birds with Reception and Year 2



Year 2 enjoyed reading the end of their book 'The Bear Under the Stairs' and finding out that it was William's imagination playing tricks on him. They then retold the story in their own words using time adverbials, conjunctions and words and phrases from the text. After, they planned their own version of the story using a bare bones planner. Everyone is looking forward to writing their own story next week! In Numeracy the children started work on money. They identified coins up to £2 and looked at notes up to the value of £50. They have totalled amounts and used coins to make amounts up to £1. In Geography the children have discussed how the weather changes during each season and have labelled different weather symbols. They then used this knowledge to write their own weather report. During RE the children read and discussed the story of 'The Crying Camel' and what it teaches Muslim people about kindness. In art the children continued work on observational drawings, looking carefully at toys and drawing what they could see. To end the week the children took part in 'The Great British Bird Watch' and discussed garden birds they could see at school at in their gardens at home.



Class 3 and 4

This week in Literacy, we delved deeper into our captivating book, "Escape from Pompeii." We focused on the character of Tranio, exploring his personality and role in the story. We also learned about prepositions and how to use them effectively in sentences to enhance our writing. In Numeracy, we continued our exploration of the 3 and 4 times tables. We practiced our multiplication facts and learned how to apply them to solve challenging word problems. We embarked on a journey through time, starting our history lessons on Queen Victoria and the Victorian Era. We learned fascinating facts about Queen Victoria's life and began writing autobiographies, imagining what life might have been like during her reign. In science we have started learning about light. We looked at different sources of light and explored how these sources of light filter through different objects.



This week has been busy!! Year 4 watched a railway safety video and learnt some fascinating facts about the speed of a train and how it can take the length of up to 18 football pitches to completely stop! The children then created some posters using the slogan "stop, look, listen, live!". Children continued to learn about multiplication. This week we really focused on the presentation of our work to ensure that each number was in the correct place value column. Having each number in the correct place really helped us with the addition aspect of written multiplication! In literacy we started to plan our own story, "Spring's Daughter". We created a plan to outline the changes we were making to "Winter's Child" to help us with our own story.