



News & Events

This week our budding scientists visited the Life Centre and experienced a variety of scientific activities. Maybe this will inspire an interest in a scientific career! Also this week we have had a range of visitors describing different careers to the children. Lets hope these visits inspire the children for the future!



Stars of the Week

- Nursery Donnie
- Reception Chloe
- Class 1 Jaiden
- Class 2 Cleo-Mae
- Class 3 Morgan
- Class 4 Kaine
- Class 5 Cherry

Diary Dates Spring Term

Monday 2nd March

Science week.

Year 5 residential

Tuesday 3rd March

Year 3 and 4 girls football festival

Year 5 residential

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day. Dress as a 'Mad Scientist'

Science Day

Storyteller visit

Wednesday 11th March

Tweed Foundation workshop Year 5

Week Beginning 16th March

Parent's Evenings

Wednesday 18th March

River visit Year 5

Thursday 19th March

Year 5 Cross Country

Monday 23rd March

Year 4 visit Alnwick garden 'Roots and Shoots'

Thursday 26th March

Nursery visit Whitehouse Farm

Tuesday 31st March

KS2 netball festival

Wednesday 1st April

Easter Bingo 3.20 p.m.

Thursday 2nd April

School closes at 3.20 p.m. for Easter.

No after school club.



Nursery and Reception

This week in Nursery, has been farmyard fun-filled, all thanks to the delightful story "Farmyard Hullabaloo"! We practiced our best animal impressions, mooing like cows, oinking like pigs, and neighing like horses! It was a symphony of farmyard sounds! We journeyed through the story together, remembering all the farmyard characters and their adventures. We learned the names of all sorts of farmyard animals, from the cuddly sheep to the busy hens. We even talked about the yummy products they give us, like milk from cows and eggs from hens! We discovered that farm animals have families just like us! We learned the names for their babies, like chicks for hens and calves for cows. We lined up farm animal pictures from biggest to smallest, creating a farmyard parade, we extended this activity by making repeating patterns. The older nursery children were able to use three different animals in their patterns. The children particularly enjoyed our sensory tray filled with corn kernels, feeling the texture and imagining ourselves on a real farm.

What a brilliant week in Reception! For our first literacy lesson we took our pencils and clipboards outside and wrote lists of all the creatures, plants and natural objects that we found in our school grounds. There was some excellent use of phonics to sound out words and everyone really enjoyed exploring the garden and school field. Our new literacy book is 'The Tiny Seed', written and illustrated by Eric Carle. He also wrote 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and the bright and bold illustrations were immediately recognisable. In maths we have been exploring the composition of 6, 7 and 8; finding different ways to make these numbers. We have also been finding out about making pairs and doubling numbers and have been learning 'The Doubles Song' to help us recall these important facts. On Wednesday we had a brilliant yoga session in the hall. We confidently remembered the different yoga poses and created our own yoga dance moves. We have had two visitor in school this week. On Wednesday we met Mr Jeffrey who is a local postman and also used to be in the army. We learned a lot about his two different careers and even got to see and handle some of his medals. On Friday we had a visit from the vet and we all enjoyed learning about how they help animals.





Class 1 and 2

This week in Year 1 we have started our new book "The Magic Bed". The children made up an exciting dream, talked about and practised using proper nouns and made up alien words. In Numeracy they practised counting to 50 out loud and on a number line. The children have also been using tens frames and counting blocks to make numbers within 50. In history we have started our new topic "Houses and Homes". We discussed what our houses look like now and looked at pictures of what houses may have looked like in the past. In science we made an amazing 'cornflour slime' we used our scientific knowledge to make a prediction and record the experiment accurately, the children loved this and can't wait for next weeks experiment! In PSHE we started our new topic "Healthy Me". We discussed healthy and unhealthy foods. We have also had two lovely visits from Ian the postman and Katie the vet with her dog Cassie, we have loved learning all about their jobs and asking lots of interesting questions.

The half term began in a very exciting way when the children arrived in the classroom on Monday morning and found a variety of animal footprints. As part of their Literacy work the children had to use an identification book to work out which animal the footprints belonged to and found out why these animals were critically endangered. In Numeracy the children continued their work on multiplication. They created arrays to solve multiplication number sentences and found out that multiplication can be completed in any order. During History the children looked at images of 'The Great Fire of London' and asked questions to find out more information. They then discussed different artefacts left from the fire and wrote facts that they found out about the fire. In RE the children began to look at the importance of Easter for people who follow the Christian religion and that Easter represents new life. They discussed what happens in the world at Easter time to represent new life. As part of their ICT work the children began to make tally charts and pictograms to represent information in a clear way. To end the week the children enjoyed a visit from a local vet who discussed the work they do and how they trained.



Class 3, 4 and 5

All three Key Stage Two classes enjoyed an exciting trip to the Life Centre, where they took part in a chemistry workshop all about chemical reactions and had the opportunity to use a range of new scientific equipment. The children showed great curiosity and enthusiasm throughout.

In Year 3 the classroom has been filled with the scent of tea leaves and the excitement of exploring the tropics. We kicked off our new class book, 'The Cloud Tea Monkeys.' To truly step into the story, the children became Royal Tea Tasters! We sampled Earl Grey, Lady Grey, and several other varieties. We focused on using descriptive vocabulary to capture the unique smells and tastes of each blend. We also reinforced our understanding of prepositions by describing the movements of Tashi and the monkeys. This week was all about building confidence with numbers. We revisited column multiplication and the children are becoming much more fluid in setting out their calculations and ensuring their place value is spot on. Our new topic, The Rainforest, is officially underway! We've been acting as world explorers to locate the Earth's most famous rainforests. We identified the Equator and the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn. We discussed why rainforests are predominantly found in these specific regions and how their location affects their climate.

In Literacy, Year 4 began their new book 'Farther'. The children wrote thoughtful postcards as if they were the narrator, describing all the wonderful activities he shared with his father. Their writing showed fantastic imagination and understanding of the story. In Maths, the children have started learning about length and perimeter. They have been practising how to calculate the perimeter of different shapes and have shown great enthusiasm when solving problems. In PE, the children demonstrated excellent teamwork while taking part in a variety of ball skills games. It has been wonderful to see them supporting and encouraging one another.

In Year 5 Maths, we tackled decimals — a challenging new concept — and the class worked incredibly hard to grasp it. Their determination really paid off and it was great to see growing confidence across the group. In English, we have been developing our action plans to solve the mystery in our class book. The children demonstrated some brilliant detective work, with fantastic inference skills on show. During PSHE, the class created thoughtful posters highlighting the negative effects of vaping and smoking on our bodies. In P.E., pupils showed brilliant enthusiasm and teamwork while taking part in a range of challenges led by the Newcastle Foundation. Alongside this, the class completed a running challenge which showcased impressive dedication and resilience. Mr Moscrop was extremely proud of their efforts. In History, Year 5 continued their fascinating work on the Ancient Egyptians, focusing on Tutankhamun and the discovery of his tomb.

