Spittal Community Primary School

Weekly News!

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News & Events

This week marked the start of our trips out and about with Year 5 completing their Roots and Shoots project and Year 1 and 2 visiting Chillingham Castkle. As ever the children represented the school well with their enthusiasm, respect and exemplary behaviour.



Stars of the Week

Nursery	Lenny
Reception	Zach
Class 1	Miles
Class 2	Dougie
Class 3	Aria
Class 4	Ffion
Class 5	Arabella
Class 6	Theo

Nursery and Reception

This week in nursery, our "Hickory Dickory Dock" topic brought learning to life as children practiced reciting the rhyme, explored different types of clocks, and sorted day and night pictures to build key time vocabulary such as **clock, tick-tock, hand, face, morning, afternoon, night, day, before, and after.** We painted paper plates to represent **daytime** and **nighttime**, sparking imaginative discussions about the differences between these two special times. We talked about frosty, starry nights and sunny blue skies. Alongside developing communication skills, the children have been practising their shape recognition as we constructed mice and clocks using various shapes, complemented by creative painting sessions and fine motor cut-and-stick crafts.



It has been another busy week in Reception. Everyone has continued to enjoy 'Where the Wild Things Are'. We have written letters to Max, acted out the story and sequenced illustrations to support our retelling of the book. In maths, we began the week by comparing amounts. We used vocabulary such as **most, least, fewest** and **greatest** to describe the relationship between different numbers. To end the week, we began exploring measures and have been using a wide range of mathematical vocabulary to describe size. We also took our learning outside and scoured the field for leaves of different sizes. Our topic this half term is all about ourselves, our bodies and our feelings. We have been naming different body parts and chose labels to add to pictures of ourselves.



Diary Dates

Diary Dates-Autumn Term

Tuesday 6th October
Year 5 and 6 Sports Leaders training
Wednesday 7th October
Year 2 and 3 visit The Guldhall for a performance
Friday 9th October
Wear something yellow for Mental Health Awareness Day
Week Beginning 12th October
Parents' evenings
Thursday 15th October
Nursery visit The Hirsel
Tuesday 20th October
3.20p.m. Parent/child craft session
Wednesday 21st October
After school disco and activity night
3.20p.m.-4.30p.m.
Thursday 22nd October
School closes at 3. 20p.m for half term
Friday 23rd October
Teacher Training Day
Monday 2nd November
School re-opens.

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Wednesday 4th November
School Flu Immunisations
Thursday 5th November
Individual photographs
Sunday 8th November
School representatives attend Remembrance Day ceremony
Tuesday 10th November
Year 6 parents SATs information session
3.20 p.m.
Wednesday 11th November
School act of Remembrance
Year 1 and 2 local walks
Friday 13th November
Children in Need; Children wear spots and/or stripes clothing
Monday 17th November
Anti-bullying week
Friday 27th November
Whole school pantomime

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Class 1 and 2

What a fantastic forest school visit! Everyone in Year 1 and 2 had a brilliant time at Wilding Woods in Chillingham. The children enjoyed a terrific tractor ride through the forest and had fun stream dipping with nets. They then used identification sheets to find out the different animals that live in the river. We then viewed the wild cattle and discussed how they were looked after and cared for at the park. A highlight of the visit was the fun forest school, all the children enjoyed balancing, climbing and making lunch in the muddy kitchen. All the children showed excellent behaviour and manners during the visit. A super day! During the day the children focused on geographical and scientific knowledge. They learned the names of young animals: calves, cubs, kits, fawn and foals. They also used the words for physical geographical features, human geographical features, man-made, environment and habitat.



Classes 3 and 4

In English, the children used expanded noun phrases to bring magic to their descriptive writing. In maths, we are wrapping up our place value unit by mastering how to partition numbers up to 1,000 and practicing counting fluently in 50s. Meanwhile, our Design & Technology sessions introduced essential food technology skills, focusing on food safety, identifying kitchen hazards, and preventing cross-contamination. In R.E., we explored Genesis 1 from the Bible and engaged in thoughtful class discussions about the meaning behind God's first words to Adam and Eve. To support their expanding vocabulary, our Words of the Week are contamination and translate.

This week, Year 4 have started creating some fantastic Van Gogh inspired artwork! We recreated his very famous and much loved painting, 'The Starry Night' and the children did a wonderful job capturing the swirling skies and vibrant colours. In history, the children enjoyed a walk around our local area, reading the Berwick Heritage posters and learning all about what Spittal was like in the past. It was a fantastic opportunity to bring our learning to life and discover more about the history right on our doorstep



Classes 5 and 6

A huge highlight of the week in Year 5 were our cave paintings in history! The children travelled back in time and created their own prehistoric-style illustrations using oil pastels. They worked carefully to create authentic-looking artwork and thoroughly enjoyed bringing their historical learning to life. We were also very lucky to welcome our local MP, David Smith, to school. The children had the opportunity to ask him a variety of questions and find out more about his role and what life is like as a Member of Parliament.

This week in Year 6, we have been busy working on a short story competition for Berwick Rotary Club. The children have been writing a 750-word story based around Berwick Lighthouse, as we approach its 200th birthday celebrations. The application process has now begun for the 26/27 Spittal Sports Leaders. Some of the children have completed an application form, giving them the opportunity to share their ideas, skills and enthusiasm for taking on this exciting role. We will be shortlisting the applications next week and look forward to seeing who will be selected! This week, our key vocabulary has included circulatory system, common factors and resilience. The children have been developing their understanding of these words and using them confidently across different areas of their learning.

