

Spittal Community First School Weekly News!

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News & Events

This half term has flown by and the children all deserve a well earned rest. Thank you to all who attended the bingo. We raised £54 which will be used to buy some lovely new books. After the holiday, with the weather turning colder can all children wear long trousers rather than shorts? We hope you have a lovely break and we look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 4th November.

Stars of the Week

Nursery Devyn

Reception Kaiden

Class I Theo

Class 2 Regan

Class 3 Lochlan

Class 4 Abigail

Nursery and Reception

This week, our little pumpkins have been immersed in a fun-filled learning adventure centered around the classic nursery rhyme, "Five Little Pumpkins." We've been exploring the world of pumpkins and incorporating this delightful rhyme into our daily activities. We've discussed the different stages of a pumpkin's life cycle: from tiny seed to blooming flower, and finally, the big, orange pumpkin we know and love. Through our pumpkin-themed activities, we've explored a range of emotions, including happiness, sadness, and even a little bit of fear! They have been practicing counting, ordering, and recognising numbers up to five using the five little pumpkins as a fun and engaging tool The children have enjoyed creating knuckle pumpkin paintings and using playdough to create their own versions. Our key vocabulary this week has included: 'pumpkin', 'orange', 'round', 'stem', 'seeds', 'scary', 'funny', 'happy' and 'sad'.

Reception have had a great last week of term. We completed our Literacy work and have been using our phonics to sound out the names of different animals. In maths we have been exploring shape and used a range of materials to make triangles. We also tested our problem solving skills by creating larger shapes through grouping smaller shapes together. This week we have also been very creative. Using cake tins as a printing plate we painted a pumpkin then took a print. The next day we use black pen to make them into scary pumpkin faces. The look fantastic. Everyone will be getting new phonics resources after the holiday so we have collected in all the reading books.



Diary Dates

Autumn Term

Monday 4th November

School re-opens.

Monday 11th November

School Act of Remembrance

Week beginning IIth November

Anti-bullying week

Friday 15th November

Children in Need; Children wear spotty clothing

Monday 18th November

Road safety week

Thursday 28th November

School Christmas Fair 2 p.m.

Thursday 5th December

Christmas jumper day.

Christmas lunch.

Monday 9th December

Christmas performance Mr Straughan and Mrs Mutch 9.30a.m.and 2.30

Tuesday 10th December

Christmas performance Miss Richards and Miss Bayly 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday IIth December

Christmas performance Mrs Woodhouse and Miss Jeffrey 9.30a.m.and 2.30 p.m

Monday 16th December

Mr Straughan and Mrs Mutch

Christmas party

Tuesday 17^h December

Mrs Woodhouse and Miss Jeffrey

Christmas party.

Wednesday 18st December

Miss Richards and Miss Bayly Christmas party

Friday 20th December

School closes 3.20 p.m. No after school club.



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Class I and 2

Year I has worked hard in Literacy this week. They have looked at homophones and discussed the features of a fiction and non fiction book. In Numeracy the children have ordered numbers to 20 and looked at how to read and write them. In Geography the children produced a map of the school, identifying the different classrooms and areas and also sorted symbols they would find on a map. On Tuesday the children enjoyed participating in an Autumn Activity Day, they explored autumn colours and used leaves to make hedgehogs. They also made scarecrow faces and enjoyed making leaf rubbings. As part of their DT work the children made chocolate apples and a healthy cereal bar. Everyone had a fantastic time. Ask your child about autumn colours and how the leaves change during this season. Can they tell you? Super work Year I!

Year 2 has produced some fantastic writing this week. They have written facts about wolves using different sentence openers and used a range of conjunctions to extend their sentences. They have improved their work by adding adjectives. In Numeracy the children have practised counting in steps of 2, 5, 10 and 3 and have used this knowledge to complete number sequences. In RE the children found about Salah and why it is important and worked collaboratively to produce a poster about our 'Class Charter' in PSHE. On Tuesday the children enjoyed participating in an Autumn Activity Day, they explored autumn colours and used



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Class 3 and 4

This week in year 3 we have finished our book 'The First Drawing'. It ended with us having to use a Venn diagram to categorise the similarities and differences between the Stone Age boy and ourselves. Once we had finished the Venn diagram, we used the points to create a paragraph with exciting adjectives, modal verbs and conjunctions. In numeracy we have continued to practise addition using the column method, with some of us trying tricky word problems. In design technology we have been investigating different flavours, appearances and textures of bread. In art we have started designing and creating our papier mache Viking shields which will be painted to look menacing. In ICT we have continued learning about algorithms and how our instructions in computing need to be very precise if we are to code correctly.

On Monday, Year 4 took part in a dance workshop. This workshop was linked to the exhibition we visited about Lowry. The children had to create dances based upon different shapes and they then performed it to the Year I children. In Literacy, Year 4 have been creating their own legend stories based on semiaquatic creatures that they created. They had to plan their legend using bare-bones planning which they used throughout to support their writing. Year 4 have continued to learn about exchanging when subtracting. We discussed the most efficient way we could subtract, especially if the numbers were close together. In geography we were learning about physical features such as rivers, mountains and islands in the United Kingdom. We also learnt that the hills in Northern England are called the Pennines and the river going through London is called the Thames. On Thursday, Year 4 took part in a music workshop. They had to compose space themed music and perform this to the rest of the class. In PE this half term, Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in invasion games with Jack and cricket with Paul.

