Spittal Community Primary School

Weekly News!

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News & Events

The weather has really started to cool down this week and become more unpredictable. Please could you ensure the children have a named coat with them every day? Yet again the children were impeccably behaved when visiting Holy Island and The Hirsel this week. Well done to all involved!



Stars of the Week

Nursery	Nelly
Reception	Harvey
Class 1	Finley
Class 2	Brodie
Class 3	David
Class 4	Jaxon
Class 5	Mario
Class 6	Eden

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'**





We have started a new book in literacy, 'We're Going to Find the Monster!'. It follows two siblings as they adventure through the ocean, then deep into the jungle and a up and over high mountains as they search for a **grumpy, prickly, spiky monster** (or is it all in their imagination?). In maths we have continued to deepen our understanding of number and having been finding 1 more and 1 less for numbers to 5. On Thursday we use pears to print a pumpkin shape in preparation for an autumn arts and crafts day next week. We will be joining in with Year 1 and 2 to take part in a variety of activities next Thursday.

Diary Dates

Diary Dates-Autumn Term

Tuesday 20th October
3.20p.m. Parent/child craft session
Wednesday 21st October
Rugby festival Y3 and 4 team
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
Thursday 3rd December
School Christmas Fair 2 p.m.
Friday 4th December
Santa Dash
Monday 7th December
Christmas performance Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 9.30a.m.and 2.30 p.m.
Tuesday 8th December
Christmas performance Miss Jeffrey and Mrs Woodhouse 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.
Wednesday 9th December
Christmas performance Miss Bayly and Miss Richards9.30a.m.and 2.30 p.m.

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Class 1 and 2



This week Year 1 have been finishing their literacy work around the story 'Astro Girl.' Astrid asked them to create a non fiction leaflet about Space. We all enjoyed the activity and the learning to make it and everyone made a great job of the illustrations. Words for week: glossary, contents page and headings.



This week in Science Year 2 undertook an experiment to find out the effects of exercise on their body. First of all, they explored how exercise changes their body by increasing their heart rate, making them breathe harder and beginning to sweat. They then predicted who would run faster over a set distance between Reception and Year 2 children and suggested reasons for this. Every child took part timing the distance run, recording results in a table and then writing up a conclusion. What a fun way to learn! During the experiment children focused on the key vocabulary: prediction, conclusion, heart rate, pulse, fair test and investigation.

Classes 3 and 4

It has been an action-packed week of discovery and learning in Year 3! In numeracy, we wrapped up column addition and confidently transitioned into mastering column subtraction, while literacy took us back in time with our captivating new book, 'The First Drawing,' where the children put their inference skills to work analyzing cave art. Our creative minds were also busy in Design Technology, moving on from food hazards to crafting our ultimate sandwich designs, while over in music, we kicked off our glockenspiel lessons with an amazing first session playing along to "Home is Where the Heart Is." To top off a fantastic week, our adventure to Holy Island was a resounding success—the children thoroughly loved exploring Lindisfarne Priory, visiting a Christian church and the Lindisfarne Museum, and taking in the breathtaking views of Lindisfarne Castle!



In Year 4 literacy, the children have begun writing autobiographical pieces based on important people and objects in their lives. They have been thinking carefully about significant memories and how to put events in the correct order. In maths, the children have worked incredibly hard to master subtraction with exchanging. This is a challenging process that involves lots of steps, and they have shown great determination and perseverance.

Classes 5 and 6



Year 5 have started their new English book, *Freedom Bird*! We began by making some fabulous predictions about what the story might be about, using clues from the front cover and exploring themes of hope and courage. In maths, we have worked hard through a challenging block on place value and finished the week with lots of practice rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000. The children have shown great perseverance and determination! The highlight of our week was undoubtedly our fantastic trip to Holy Island! The children represented our school brilliantly, showing excellent manners, enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the visit. We are incredibly proud of the way they conducted themselves and the positive impression they made.

In Year 6 English, we have been exploring the UNCRC (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child). We used our learning to write inspirational speeches, incorporating abstract nouns and repetition for effect to create powerful and persuasive messages. In maths, we have been developing our skills in long multiplication. In science, we investigated what happens to our hearts when we exercise and explored why our heart rate increases during physical activity. We carried out a practical experiment, measuring our resting pulse rates before exercise and comparing them with our pulse rates afterwards. In history, we explored why the Romans wanted to invade Britain and compared their different invasion attempts, considering the challenges they faced and what made their eventual conquest successful