

# Spittal Community First School Weekly News!

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### News & Events

The children have made a fabulous start to the school year, settling back into routines really well. I am pleased to see so many arriving on time for the new start time of 8.50a.m. Breakfast club and after school club are really busy with waiting lists so could you please let us know as soon as possible if you do not need booked places? An additional date has been added to the diary. Can I please ask that dogs are not brought onto the school yard due to health and safety? Finally, if you want to provide a snack for playtime please could you ensure this is fruit or a healthy bar. Chocolate and crisps are not suitable snacks. Many thanks.

#### Nursery and Reception

In Nursery this week we have been learning the nursery rhyme Humpty Dumpty. We have linked this across all areas of the curriculum and the children have engaged in a range of activities. We have learnt the rhyme and sequenced the pictures using words such as 'first', 'next', 'then' and 'finally'. We have used a variety of construction toys to build walls of different lengths and heights. We placed Humpty in different places and talked about his position using language such as 'behind', 'next to', 'above', 'under', 'between', 'in' and 'in front'. We have discussed where eggs come from and what's inside of them – next week we are going to whisk eggs together (identifying the yolk) before making scrambled eggs. We will use the shells to make cress heads. Today, the children matched plastic egg halves by colour and were able to make a whole egg. They have explored Humpty Dumpty using small world resources and used plasters to stick Humpty Dumpty back together again. We talked about the egg being 'cracked', 'broken' and 'smashed'.

Reception have had a very busy week. On Monday we had our first Read Write Inc phonics lesson. Each week your child will bring home a sound book and QR codes that link to videos of the sounds we have covered. On Monday we also started our first Literacy Tree book. We are reading 'Where the Wild Things Are' and we have had a visit from one of the Wild Things. He's called Sam. On Wednesday we enjoyed another Yoga session with Rhiannon and it was so sunny that we got to have let the lesson outside. On Thursday it was PE with Nicole and in the afternoon we started our topic work. We talked about different parts of our body and labelled the outline of a body.





#### Stars of the Week

Nursery	Chloe + Scarlett
<b>Reception</b> Tommy-Lee + Georgia	
<u>Class I</u>	Asher + Reggie
<u>Class 2</u>	Casey + Lili
<u>Class 3</u>	Antonie + Hunter
<u>Class 4</u>	Asante + Sam

### Diary Dates Autumn Term

#### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October Storyteller performance at The Guildhall for Year 2

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October Wear something yellow for Mental Health Awareness Day

Friday II<sup>th</sup> October Individual photo's

<mark>Week Beginning I4<sup>th</sup> October</mark> Parents' evenings

Wednesday 16th October Flu immunisations for Reception-Year

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October Halloween Bingo 3.30p.m.

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October** Year 4 music workshop

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October School closes at 3.20p.m for half term



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## Class | and 2

In Literacy the children have continued their work on 'Cave Baby' writing noun phrases to describe the characters and using adjectives. They have identified nouns and have continued to practise letter formation. In Numeracy they have been sorting objects into different groups and counting amounts to make groups. During Science the children have found out about the five senses and which part of the body is used for each. In Geography the children identified places in Berwick on a map and learnt their own address. The children enjoyed invasion games during PE and continued to improve their team work. In Art the children completed an autumn directed drawing and used appropriate colours for the season. Another fantastic week, well done!

Year 2 have been very busy this week. The children have continued to read the book 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and have ordered the main events of the story using picture cards. They have then used the pictures to retell the story themselves. They have looked at using a range of sentence openers and improved their writing using adjectives. In Numeracy the children continued to look at partitioning 2 digit numbers into tens and ones. They have used place value grids to practically partition numbers and also used a part-whole model. In Science this week the children completed a timeline explaining how humans grow and change overtime and discussed the skills they have acquired since they were a baby. During Geography the children looked at aerial photos of London and Berwick, they then labelled the different human and physical features they could see. In PE the children enjoyed playing invasion games and working as part of a team. To finish the week the children enjoyed their second swimming lesson and are continuing to gain water confidence. Another great week, well done everyone!

## Class 3 and 4

This week in literacy, we have delved deeper into our book about the circus 'Leon and the Place Between'. We have learnt that Abdul Kazam is the mysterious magician and he has enticed Leon into a magical box. We have created work using the conjunction 'if' and we have been learning how to upgrade our sentences by using openers and expanded noun phrases. In numeracy we have been learning to recognise the value of a single digit in 2 or 3 digit numbers. We have also been learning how to partition using base IO and 'whole-part-whole' methods. In R.E we have been reading the bible where God spoke of his creation to Adam and Eve. After that, we discussed what we thought Christians might do to look after God's creation. In PSHE we continued to look at what makes us all different and how our surroundings can influence us. In music we have started using glockenspiels to learn our song 'Home is where the heart is'.

On Tuesday we walked to the Granary Gallery to look at the Lowry exhibition. We had to find specif-



ic paintings and write down some facts about them. Back at school we did some Lowry inspired art work with Mrs Kiff. This week in literacy we have been writing a playscipt based upon the book 'Tar Beach'. We've added in stage directions and set the scene for each act. In maths we have been learning about place value up to 10,000. We focused on partitioning and then moved onto flexible partitioning. Another great week, well done Year 4.

