



Spittal Community Primary School

Weekly News!

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News & Events

Welcome back to school! It's been a really positive start to the new school year and our change to becoming a full primary school is now complete. I am so pleased to see the children returning and looking so smart in the school uniform but please can you ensure that all items are labelled with your child's name. At break times we are encouraging healthy eating as per government guidance, so please send in fruit only for a playtime snack. Amended term dates are included in the diary dates.

Stars of the Week

<u>Nursery</u>	Lilianna & Alfie
<u>Reception</u>	Jorgie
<u>Class 1</u>	Blake
<u>Class 2</u>	Eleanor
<u>Class 3</u>	Leo A.
<u>Class 4</u>	Parker
<u>Class 5</u>	Marnie
<u>Class 6</u>	Amara

Diary Dates

Diary Dates-Autumn Term

Friday 11th September

Year 2 and 3 begin swimming and Nursery begin Library visits.

Thursday 17th September

Back to School PTA event

Wednesday 23rd September

Y3, 4 and 5 girls golf team activity

Thursday 24th September

Year 5 Roots and Shoots session at Alnwick Garden

Year 1 and 2 visit to Chillingham Castle

Friday 9th October

Wear something yellow for Mental Health Awareness Day

Week Beginning 12th October

Parents' evenings

Thursday 15th October

Nursery visit The Hirsell

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.

Nursery and Reception

Everyone has settled into nursery wonderfully this week! It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know our new starters, welcoming back our older children for their final preschool year, and hearing all about everyone's summer news. We have been busy getting to know the children, establishing daily routines, supporting them as they make new friends, and encouraging their growing independence. We've already started recording all of these special "firsts" in their learning journals! The children have thoroughly enjoyed a packed schedule of special activities this week, including dancing and moving with Lisa in Boogie Beats, finding their calm during Yoga with Rhiannon, and burning off energy in PE. We also took a wonderful trip to Berwick Library to visit Diane! We sang songs, read stories and the children picked some books for us to read in school during the week. Yesterday afternoon (in between rain showers) we went into the garden and collected natural materials for our nature crowns. The children loved collecting flowers, leaves and twigs to decorate them.

Reception have had a brilliant first full week. All the children have settled in very well to their new classroom and are forming some great friendships. We have enjoyed Boogie Beats, Yoga and a PE lesson with the Newcastle United Foundation. Everyone has managed lunch in the hall incredibly well: carrying their own plates, opening their own packets and clearing up when they're finished. This week we have started our Read Write Inc phonics lessons and have been working hard to read and write our new sounds. Every week your child will bring home activities to support their phonics lessons. These will include QR codes, letter sounds in their reading records, books and reading sheets. Please practise new sounds regularly as this will help your child move through the scheme.





Class 1 and 2

We have had a lovely first week in Year 1. The children are settling well into their new classroom and routines. We have started the Autumn curriculum with a new book in literacy called 'Cave Baby'. In numeracy we are looking at Place Value where we have been sorting and counting up to 20 objects. In geography we are finding out about our local area and what we can see in Berwick, exploring very simple maps. In science we have started by naming different parts of the body.

In Year 2 literacy lessons, the children have started reading their book 'The Bear Under the Stairs' and discussed what creature they think is hiding under the blanket. They used adjectives to add detail to their writing and focused on their letter formation. To end the week the children wrote about something that they found scary when they were younger and included adjectives to add description. During numeracy the children have extended their knowledge of place value. They have ordered, counted and written numbers to 20 and then looked at the tens and ones value of each digit. In science the children began their topic 'Animals, Including Humans' and looked at how animals grow and develop. They then sequenced different animal life cycles. During Geography the children looked at world maps and the globe to name the 7 continents and 5 oceans and labelled them on a world map.



Classes 3 and 4

The children have settled fantastically into Year 3 routines this week, rising to our new expectations with impressive enthusiasm. In Literacy, we dove into our new book, 'Leon and the Place Between', discussing the magic of the circus and writing persuasive, unique sentences to design vibrant posters. Numeracy saw us exploring place value by partitioning numbers with base 10 equipment, plotting amounts up to 100 on number lines, and tackling some tricky word problems. We kicked off our History topic on the Vikings by discovering where they came from and why they set sail. While in R.E. we introduced the 'Big Frieze' to understand how the Bible is structured around key events. Finally, the children tested their coordination and agility in P.E. through high-energy invasion team games.



In Year 4 maths we have been learning about numbers up to 1,000 and exploring how to partition them in different ways. In Literacy we have started our new book, 'Baker by the Sea'. The children have enjoyed getting into character and have even had the opportunity to apply for a job position at the bakery! In history, we have begun learning about Spittal. We have focused on its location and what it looks like today before travelling back in time to discover what Spittal was like in the past. In art, the children have been learning about the famous artist Andy Warhol. They have explored his distinctive pop art style and created their own fantastic pieces inspired by his work.

Classes 5 and 6

In Year 5 we have started our first class book, 'Robot Girl', which has led to some fantastic discussions about artificial intelligence. In maths, we have been focusing on place value, particularly numbers up to 100,000. The children have worked incredibly hard and have shown great resilience when tackling some challenging concepts. In history, we have started our topic on Prehistoric Britain, beginning with the Stone Age. We have also started our new science topic, 'Animals Including Humans'. In P.E., Year 5 have started our block of hockey. The class have shown some fantastic effort and are already developing some great skills. Year 6 have had a busy and exciting first full week back at school as they settle into their new routines and embrace the challenges of life in Year 6. In English, the children have begun reading 'Windrush Child' and have shown great interest as they learn about the Windrush Generation. In Maths, Year 6 have started learning about Roman numerals. They have been developing their understanding of place value and working confidently with numbers up to 10,000,000. In Science, the children have been exploring how scientific ideas about food and diet have developed over time. They learned about the discovery of scurvy and how it affected sailors in the 18th century, helping them understand how this contributed to our modern knowledge of a balanced diet. In history, Year 6 has started their new topic on the Romans. They have explored where, when and how the Roman Empire was founded and even had a go at designing their own Roman soldiers. In PE, the children have begun learning hockey and have also taken part in invasion games with the Newcastle United Foundation. Finally, in RE, the children have created Google Slides presentations exploring the Creation Story.