# Spittal Community Primary School

## Weekly News!

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## News & Events

Welcome back! After discussion with the children, Year 5 and 6 have decided to that they would like to perform their own Christmas play. We have therefore booked additional dates in the Community centre and performance dates are as follows;

**Monday 7th December**
Christmas performance Mr Straughan and Mrs Mutch 9.30a.m.and 2.30 p.m.

**Tuesday 8th December**
Christmas performance Mirs Wood/Woodhouse and Miss Armstrong 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

**Wednesday 9th December**
Christmas performance Miss Bayly and Miss Richards 9.30a.m.and 2.30 p.m

**Friday 11th December**
Christmas performance Mr Moscrop and Mrs Young/Miss Jeffrey

## Stars of the Week

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| Nursery | Maddie |
| Reception | Seren |
| Class 1 | Devyn |
| Class 2 | Sophie P. |
| Class 3 | Paige |
| Class 4 | Elijah |
| Class 5 | Ella |
| Class 6 | Aaron |

## Nursery and Reception

This week, we have been twinkling and shining like stars, exploring the enchanting world of 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star'. We had been learning to sequence parts of the rhyme and have made twinkling stars for the class display. Our key vocabulary has included **"twinkle", "sparkle", "bright", "night", "sky"** and **"star"**. We connected our stargazing to learn about Bonfire Night. We've discussed how fireworks light up the night sky, much like stars! We have discussed the sounds and movements of the fireworks. We have described fireworks using vocabulary such as **"whoosh", "flicker", "crackle" "noisy"** and **"bang"**. The children have created beautiful firework pictures, capturing the colourful explosions in the sky and painted vibrant flames for a fiery display. The children particularly enjoyed mark making and copying patterns in a tray of lentils. We have also followed instructions to make chocolate sparklers using breadsticks, chocolate and sprinkles. The children explored their autumn bags and used the resources to make bonfire pictures. We have been playing lots of games to develop our phonological awareness. We have been listening to and identifying environmental sounds linked to bonfire night. The children were able to correctly identify a crackling fire, fireworks, a jacket zip and crunchy leaves.

It has been great first week back in Reception. We have been reading 'Amazing' by Steve Antony. It is all about a boy who has a pet dragon called Zibbo. We have been exploring how verbs (action words) are used and have been acting some out – run, walk, jump, sing etc. In maths we have been naming and describing 2D shapes and have been using mathematical vocabulary such as **corner, side, flat, round, straight and curve.** During the half-term holiday an area of the field was fenced off and we have been working hard this week to create a new outdoor area. We have been cooking in the mud kitchen, drawing and writing on big boards, building dens and identifying plants and animals.

## Diary Dates

## Diary Dates-Autumn Term

**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

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**Thursday 10th December**
Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
'Time to Share' 3.20p.m. (an opportunity for you to informally view your child's work)

**Friday 11th December**
Christmas performance Mr Moscrop and Mrs Young/Miss Jeffrey 9.30a.m.and 2.30 p.m.

**Monday 14th December**
Mr Straughan and Mrs Mutch Christmas party

**Tuesday 15th December**
Mrs Woodhouse and Miss Jeffrey Christmas party.

**Wednesday 16th December**
Miss Richards and Miss Bayly Christmas party

**Thursday 17th December**
Mr Moscrop and Mrs Young Christmas party

# Spittal Community First School

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## Class 1 and 2

This week in Year 2 we have started to look at our new book 'Me and You', this book is an alternative version of Goldilocks. She had been captured by 'CCTV' entering our classroom over the holidays and the children are investigating why she was there and how they can catch her. They have really enjoyed reading this story, writing their own views and creating a wanted poster to help catch her. In maths, we continued to learn about addition and subtraction with a particular focus on column addition. In art, Year 2 sketched some poppies and created a poppy field using watercolours.

## Classes 3 and 4

In Year 3 we wrapped up our brilliant storytelling of 'The First Drawing' before diving headfirst into our brand-new book, 'The Barnabus Project!' Transforming into mad scientists, the children dreamed up the ultimate pets using vocabulary like "a splash of" and "deceitful fuzziness," while in numeracy, they conquered tricky addition and subtraction across the tens and hundreds thresholds using place value charts. Our creative wheels are also spinning as we plan our papier-mâché Viking shields in art, and our science sleuths put their hypotheses to the test to discover—much to Year 3's surprise—that Year 4 officially hold the crown for the longest arms this year! Our key vocabulary words of the week were prediction and conclusion

In Year 4 this week, we have continued to develop our multiplication skills, focusing on the 3, 6 and 9 times tables. The children have been practising their recall and exploring the relationships between these times tables. In literacy we have started our new class book, Winter's Child. The children have been developing their understanding of direct speech, with a particular focus on using speech marks accurately in their writing. In geography we have begun our new topic on biomes, exploring different biomes around the world and learning about the climates associated with each one. Excitement is building as the children have started learning the songs for our Christmas play! We are looking forward to hearing them practise and seeing their confidence grow as we get closer to the performance.

## Classes 5 and 6

This week in Year 5, the children have worked incredibly hard on column addition and subtraction, focusing particularly on exchanging. They have also challenged themselves with some more complex questions, developing their reasoning and problem-solving skills. In English, we have been exploring different types of nouns, with a particular focus on abstract nouns, and have been working hard to incorporate these into our writing to make it more interesting and descriptive. In netball we have worked to develop our handling skills. Finally, we have begun rehearsing for our Christmas Show, and we have already witnessed some fantastic acting!

This week, Year 6 have been busy developing their long division skills in maths. Although the concept can be quite challenging, the children have shown resilience, perseverance and determination. In English, we began our exciting new book, 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret.' The children became detectives, using inference skills to predict what the story might be about. We then explored the illustrator's use of lighting, spacing and shot types, analysing how these techniques help to convey meaning and tell a story through images. In PE, we kicked off our new netball unit, focusing on different types of passing and developing our footwork skills. In history, we brought our Romans topic to a close by exploring Roman buildings and structures, discovering more about their incredible architecture and engineering. Finally, we have joined forces with Year 5 to begin preparing for our UKS2 Christmas performance! We have allocated roles and handed out scripts, and we are incredibly excited to start learning our lines and working together to put on a great show for you all.