Spittal Community Primary School

Weekly News!

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News & Events

Plans are well underway for the Christmas Fair on 3rd December. Once again the PTA are looking for raffle prizes, any bottles for a bottle tombola, toys for a stall and mystery jars. Please send any contributions in as soon as possible. Donations of cakes/biscuits can be sent in on the day of the fair. On Tuesday next week, we will hold an own clothes day with donations of chocolate or sweets to be used for a children's tombola.

Stars of the Week

Nursery	Romie
Reception	Melvin
Class 1	Maliah
Class 2	Jaiden
Class 3	Charlie
Class 4	Pauls
Class 5	Ollie
Class 6	Alice

Nursery and Reception

What a fantastic, song-filled week we have had celebrating World Nursery Rhyme Week 2026! Nursery rhymes play a vital role in early language development, helping children hear the rhythm, rhyme, and structure of spoken language. Here is a look at what we explored through our core rhymes this week: **Hickory Dickory Dock:** We explored different types of clocks and counting. The children loved running like mice, making "tick tock" clock sounds and counting clock strikes from 1 to 12. **Dr Foster went to Gloucester**: We stepped into the shoes of community helpers! The children dressed up as doctors and nurses, explored real and pretend medical kits, and engaged in imaginative role-play to care for "injured" soft toys and friends. Pussy Cat, **Pussy Cat:** We travelled back to medieval times! The children explored a knights and castles role-play area, designed and crafted their own sparkly royal crowns, and drew detailed castles. **Row, Row, Row Your Boat**: Water play was a huge hit! Children tested floating and sinking with various boats in the water tray while practising our action rhymes and singing along together. **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Once I Caught a Fish Alive**: We combined singing with early math, practicing sequential counting and catching pretend fish in our sensory setup.

We have had another busy week in Reception. We have concluded our work based on the book 'Amazing' by Steve Antony buy creating books all about ourselves and our positive qualities. In maths we have been using positional language – **on, in, under, beside, behind, in front** – to describe the position of people and objects. We followed instructions that contained positional phrases and some of us extended our learning by giving instructions for others to follow. Our topic this half term is 'Celebrating and Remembering'. We took a walk to the Spittal Community Centre to see their poppy cascade and discussed why it includes four different colours of poppy.

Diary Dates

Monday 16th November
Anti-bullying week
Tuesday 17th November
PTA whole school own clothes day
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 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 Richards9.30a.m.and 2.30 p.m.

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
1.30p.m. Carols in the playground. No after school club. School closes.



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Class 1 and 2



Year 2 has had another great week in school. This week the children created their own poppies for Remembrance Day. We also went out for a walk around Spittal to see the different poppy displays in the local area followed by a Remembrance 'Circle of Peace' for our two minutes silence. In literacy the children were thrilled to receive a video and letter from Goldilocks apologising for her bad behaviour. They then wrote their own letter from Goldilocks' perspective explaining her actions using a range of sentence types such as questions, commands and statements. In history Year 2 continue to learn about monarchs and their role in Britain, creating a timeline about their time as rulers In Year 1 this week we have been exploring the weather we see with each season. We looked at the different shaped clouds we could see on Tuesday with lots of discussion about the cold weather! Next week we will be recording the weather each day, noticing changes.

Classes 3 and 4



What a fantastic, busy week we have had in Year 3! In numeracy, we officially kicked off our multiplication topic by using tangible items to build arrays and explore equal groups, while in literacy, creativity was flowing as we designed our own "perfect pets" using vivid expanded noun phrases and wrote persuasive letters to the "failed projects" in our story using strong sentence openers and modal verbs. We also put our map skills to the test in geography by using the points of the compass to navigate key landmarks around Berwick, and had thoughtful discussions in PSHE about what makes a family special. Finally, to commemorate Remembrance Day, the children showed incredible focus and artistic skill by layering vibrant oil pastels onto black paper to create truly striking poppy fields.

In maths, the Year 4 children have continued to develop their times table knowledge, focusing particularly on the 7, 11 and 12 times tables. We have also explored inverse operations and how these can be used to check our calculations. In literacy, the children have been developing their descriptive writing skills by creating expanded noun phrases inspired by the vivid imagery in our class book. They have been exploring how carefully chosen vocabulary can bring their writing to life. In science, we have continued our learning about teeth, exploring their different functions and discussing the importance of good oral hygiene.

Classes 5 and 6



Year 5 has been busy finishing off our class book, *Freedom*. The children have fully immersed themselves in the story and have produced some excellent biographies about Harriet Tubman as part of their assessments. They have worked incredibly hard over the past couple of weeks, and it has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and engagement throughout. In maths, we have been solving addition and subtraction word problems. The children have been developing their problem-solving skills and taking care to select the most appropriate methods to help them reach the correct answers. As part of our Remembrance Day learning, the children have been busy creating some fantastic pieces of artwork using watercolours and oil pastels. Their finished pieces look wonderful! Rehearsals for our Christmas Show are well underway. Many children have been busy learning their lines and are performing with great confidence.

In English this week, in Year 6 we have stepped into the role of journalists and written our own newspaper reports. We have been focusing on using parenthesis and relative clauses, as well as exploring the different types of punctuation we can use to make our writing more interesting and effective. In maths, we have been working hard on adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions, including mixed numbers. We have also created some beautiful artwork for Remembrance Day. Alongside this, we have been working hard with Year 5, practising our lines and songs in preparation for our Christmas play. The excitement is certainly building!