

## Spittal Community First School

## Weekly News!

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Diary Dates

News & Events

It has yet again been a busy week in school. We have all been finding out about how to stay safe on the roads as part of Road Safety Week. Next Thursday is our School Fair and we have a wide range of raffle prize but are looking for further donations for a tombola and toy stall. Please could you send in donations as soon as possible? We look forward to seeing you there!

Stars of the Week	
Nursery	Niamh & Rune
Reception_	Skyler & Ole
Class 1	David & Leo Y
<u>Class 2</u>	Ariana & Parker
<u>Class 3</u>	Isla & Antonia
Class 4	Troy & Louie H



### Nursery and Reception

This week in Nursery, we based our learning around the children's favourite nursery rhyme 5 Currant Buns. We have recited and sequenced the rhyme - using props to support their learning. We tasted and described real currant buns - the children used vocabulary such as 'sweet', 'tasty', 'sticky', 'round', 'fat' and 'juicy'. They created currant buns for our wall display using a variety of materials and they have practised ordering, count-ing and recognising numbers to 5. The children have enjoyed re-enacting the story in our baker's shop role play area. We have been learning cooking action words such as 'sieving', 'kneading',

#### 'weighing' and 'whisking'.

The children were really excited to meet the author Ged Adamson on Tuesday, they enjoyed finding out about his life in London and his beautiful dog Coco. Ged then read us his new book, 'Be Normal!'. It's all about a boy called Theo and his dog Geoff Thorndike

Reception have had a very creative week this week. We have painted and decorated our Diwali lamps and enjoyed using glitter to make them sparkle. On Thursday we started another clay project. First we learned more about the different colours of Remembrance poppies and then carefully shaped a poppy using clay. We have continued to enjoy our book 'Look Up!' and have been discussing what we would take into space if we were astronauts. On Friday we spent another fantastic afternoon learning alongside Year I. To continue the spotty theme of Children in Need we learned about the Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama who uses spots in her artwork. We all made fantastic polka dot pumpkins. Please look through our 'Look Up!' Knowledge Organiser and ask your child some of the questions. You can write their responses on the speech bubbles.



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Autumn Term
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November
School Christmas Fair 2 p.m.
<u>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December</u>
Christmas jumper day.
Christmas lunch.
After school treat night.
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas performance Mr Straughan
and Mrs Mutch 9.30a.m.and 2.30
p.m.
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas performance Miss Richards
and Miss Bayly 9.30 a.m. and 2.30
p.m.
Wednesday II <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas performance Mrs Wood-
house and Miss Jeffrey 9.30a.m.and
2.30 p.m
Monday 16t <sup>h</sup> December
Mr Straughan and Mrs Mutch
Christmas party
Tuesday 17 <sup>h</sup> December
Mrs Woodhouse and Miss Jeffrey
Christmas party.
Wednesday 18 <sup>st</sup> December
Miss Richards and Miss Bayly Christ-
mas party
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December School closes 3.20 p.m. No after school club.

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### Class | and 2



This week, Year I has been very busy. In literacy they have been using adjectives to write a letter to a superhero asking for help. They practised using a range of question words and remembered to use a question mark at the end of the sentence. In numeracy the children have practised counting on and back in steps of I and used this knowledge to solve addition and subtraction number sentences to find out how many were left. 'In history the children found out about how the Vikings travelled across the sea and created their own Longships. In PSHE the children discussed how they were similar and different. As part of Road Safety Week the children discussed how to cross the road safely using the Green Cross Code and where it is safe to cross. They practised crossing roads on the playground and thought about how to keep safe near a road. All the children enjoyed a visit from the author Ged Adamson who read them his book and they then used their imagination to complete activities about the dog in the story. To end the week the children enjoyed learning to ride balance bikes safely.

This week, in literacy, Year 2 have been finding out about the extinct animal, the dodo. The children enjoyed asking a range of questions to find out more information about the animal

and reading books to learn more. They then used the information and wrote a fact file describing the appearance of the dodo, when it was last seen and why it became extinct. They included exclamations and questions to improve their work. Why not ask your child what they know about the dodo? In Numeracy the children have been using number lines to add and subtract single digit numbers. They have practised counting on and back accurately. In CLIC maths the children are focusing on recalling facts for the IO times table and using these to write fact families. During History the children found out why the First World War began and the countries that were involved, they then recorded significant events on a timeline. In PSHE the children discussed the word 'stereotype' and thought about how they were similar and different from their friends.



## Class 3 and 4

Last week year 3 and 4 took part in a CSI workshop. They had to solve a crime and take part in a court case. The children had find and read clues, take fingerprints and act out different parts! In maths the children have started to learn about area and have been comparing the area of different shapes. We've been focusing on our 6 times tables. In literacy the children created their own illustrations of a flying machine. We labelled it using expanded noun phrases and

then wrote a set of instructions about how to use it! In computing we looked at images and decided whether or not these were reliable enough to share. We discussed AI and how it can create images that look real, including a parrot with the head of a lion!

This week in literacy year 3 have finished reading the book 'The Tear Thief' and we found out that she takes people's tears to contribute to the moon's brightness. We wrote a poem to describe the Tear Thief and how she collects the tears. In numeracy we have been working on adding and subtracting IOs and IOOs from 3 digit numbers in different representations. In PHSE we discussed how important it was to make someone feel valued and listening to someone can contribute to that. We also wrote a letter to a fictional person to explain how we would make them feel welcome if they were to arrive in our school. In R.E we learnt about the story of Moses and we created storyboards explaining the key parts of the story. In music we have started practicing the songs for our Christmas play. Speaking parts will be allocated next week.

