

## Spittal Community First School Weekly News!

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## News & Events

This half term is promising to be very busy. As new events have been arranged, they have been added top the list of dates.

Please can you ensure your child has their water bottle with them daily and is in full school uniform on non PE days.

We have also arranged a parent workshop focusing on managing emotions. A flyer has been sent out via parent app.

### Nursery and Reception

This week, we have been setting sail on a mathematical adventure with the timeless tale of Ten Little Pirates! We've had a treasure trove of learning activities that have helped the children develop their counting skills and explore the world around them. We have been counting reliability to ensure each pirate and their treasure was accounted for! We helped our pirates add one more gold coin to the pile of treasure and practised taking one away too. The children were able to cut out pirate objects and put them in the correct order, making sure our number line was shipshape! The children are learning to write numbers I -10 accurately. We enjoyed our yoga session with Rhiannon, they used the parachute to pretend they were under the sea!

This week in maths Reception have been exploring subtraction by taking away. We used counters and tens frames and then recorded the calculations in our books. Our new topic this half term is 'Where we Live' and we started this by looking at maps of the UK in an atlas. We then labelled a map and marked where Berwick is located. Everyone had great fun at Sports Day. All the children took part in races of their choosing and also cheered for the rest of the class and school. On Thursday we made Union Flags and sandwiches for the D-Day picnic and then joined with Nursery, Year I and Year 2 in the hall. Sadly the rain stopped us from having our picnic on the field.



Stars	of	the	Week.

Nursery	Joshua	
<u>Class I</u>	Aria	
<u>Class 2</u>	Finn	
<u>Class 3</u>	Isla	
<u>Class 4</u>	Havanna	
<u>Class 5</u>	Jessica	

#### Summer Term Dates

Monday 17th June Whole school creative weeks Tuesday 25th June Parent workshop 1.30 p.m. Friday 28th June Whole school performance 2.45p.m. Y3 and 4 football team festival Tuesday 2nd July Miss Bayly's class visit to Paxton House Wednesday 3rd July Y4 Cricket team competition Friday 5th July Miss Jeffrey and Mrs Woodhouse's classes visit Lilidorei and Alnwick Garden Tuesday 9th July Y3 and 4 skipping team competition Wednesday 10th July Year 3 and 4 drumming performance 2.30 p.m. Thursday 11th July Mrs Straughan and Mr Hair's classes visit Dynamic Earth Friday 12th July Move up day Nursery graduation 9.15 a.m. Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July Leaver's assembly 2.30 p.m. Thursday 18th July Leaver's party Friday 19th July School closes at 3.20 p.m. for the end of term. No after school club.



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## Class 2 and 3



Year I have continued their work on the book 'Pig the Pug' and have used their story plans to write their own version of the story, changing the characters. They included adjectives and time adverbials to sequence the events in their writing. In Numeracy the children started looking at fractions,. They recognised half of a shape and then found half an amount. During Science the children started their topic on 'Seasons' and made a wheel to show the different seasons and the months of the year included in them. All the children enjoyed Sports Day, participating in different races and cheering on their friends on Wednesday afternoon. Good sportsmanship was shown by all the children and everyone had fun. On Thursday the children enjoyed finding out about D-Day and had made their own sandwiches for a party tea outside. A super start to the half term, well done Year I.

Year 2 has had a very busy week. In Literacy they have continued reading their book 'The Dragon Machine' and thought about how George feels in the story. They have looked at the prefix 'un' and how this can be added to words to change their meaning. The children enjoyed writing a letter to George explaining how he could stop the dragons misbehaving. In Numeracy the children started their work on fractions. They have looked at equal and

unequal parts and practised cutting different shapes in half. They then used this knowledge to find half of an amount mentally and using arrays. During Science the children looked at how we know if something is living, dead or has never been alive and sorted these into a diagram. In Geography the children started work on 'Deserts' and located them on a world map. They discussed the difference between a hot desert and a cold desert. All the children enjoyed Sports Day, participating in different races and cheering on their friends on Wednesday afternoon. Good sportsmanship was shown by all the children and everyone had fun. On Thursday the children enjoyed finding out about D-Day and had made their own sandwiches for a party tea outside. A lovely start to the half term, well done Year 2.

## Class 4 and 5

This week in year 3 we have been learning how to add and subtract decimals with 3 digits. In literacy we have been learning about using the auxiliary verb 'have'. We used this knowledge to help us write about a section of our book, 'The Mysteries of Harris Burdick'. In P.E we have been concentrating on developing our communication skills to overcome difficult scenarios and missions in Commando Joes. We also took part in Sports Day where all the children showed excellent resilience and determination. In art we have started learning about what makes a collage. We have started creating pictures with different materials and we have created some amazing flower collages. Some of us attended the annual 'Quadkids' event at Berwick Mid-dle School. We had to take part in throwing, jumping and running events against other schools in Berwick and they represented the school admirably. On Thursday we spent the day learning about D-Day. We created medals, bunting and had a tea party.

In literacy we have started to read an amazing new picture book called 'The Ever-Changing

World' which explores the origins of our Earth. The children have really enjoyed listening to some music relating to the book and interpreting what they think the book is about. We have also watched a fantastic video based on the book and have been exploring and decoding some of the more complex terminology within the book. In maths we have been identifying and defining 2-D shapes. In geography we have started to explore the structure of the inner earth and for the next few weeks we will be looking at mountains and volcanoes. In P.E. we are developing our cricket skills with Mr Crozier. The children really enjoyed Sports Day on Wednesday and the D-Day commemorations on Thursday.