

Spittal Community First School Weekly News!

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News & Events

It is with great sadness this week that we said goodbye to Mrs McClymont. She has been at the school for over 30 years and has decided to take early retirement. Mr. Brown has now also retired. We wish them both well for the future and thank them for the support they have provided over the years. Mrs Jeffrey will start in the office after half term and we look forward to welcoming her to the team. Congratulations to Mr Straughan and his wife as they welcomed a baby son last week.

What have we been learning this week?

Nursery and Reception

This week in nursery, we've embarked on a delightful adventure into the world of "The Three Little Pigs"! Through engaging activities and playful exploration, the children have been busy learning and developing a range of skills. Inspired by the story, the children designed and built their own houses, experimenting with different shapes, sizes, and structures. This activity not only fostered their creativity and problem-solving skills but also introduced them to key vocabulary like "chimney," "walls," "roof," "construct," and "design." Throughout the week, the refrains of the story became part of our routine. We sang along to the familiar lines, "I will huff, and I will puff, and I will blow your house down!" and "This little pig went to market, this little pig stayed home..." These repetitive phrases helped the children memorise the story and develop their language skills. Last week Reception began reading 'The Magic Paintbrush'. It is all about a young girl called Shen whose paintings become real. However, she can only use the paintbrush for good... In maths we have been finding different ways to make the numbers 6 and 7. We used Numicon and coloured stickers to explore different ways of making calculations. We have continued to find out about toys in the past and used non-fiction books to investigate what very old toys looked like and what they were made of. In Design Technology we then designed our own toys and will be making them this week





Star of the Week

Nursery Isla

Class | Riley S.

Class 2 Morgan

Class 3 Jack B.

Class 4 Scarlett D.

Class 5 Bobbi-Leigh

Diary Dates

Wednesday 14th February

Valentines disco 3.20-4.20 p.m.

Friday 16th February

School closes for half term 3.20p.m.

Monday 26th February

School re-opens

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day. Dress as your favourite story character

Tuesday 12th March

Year I parents' phonics information session 3 p.m.

Friday 15th March

Comic relief; Dress up in red!

Week Beginning 18th March

Parent's Evenings

Tuesday 26th March

Easter Bingo 3.20 p.m.

Thursday 28th March

School closes at 3.20 p.m. for Easter.



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Class 2 and 3

This week Year I were introduced to their new book 'The Odd Egg'. They had to predict what animal they thought would hatch from the egg and write how they thought the character in the story felt in a thought bubble. They then used this to write a diary entry. In Numeracy the children continued their work on 3D shapes, discussing their properties and sorting them into different groups. In Science the children continued to look at different materials and describe what they could be used for and why. During PE sessions the children enjoyed some relaxing yoga and working as a team to play a game of cricket, practising their batting and catching skills. During PSHE the children discussed obstacles that can stop you from achieving your dreams and how they can overcome these. The children continued to learn about Judaism and found out what happens during Shabat.







This week Year 2 completed their Literacy work on 'The Journey Home' using statements, commands and questions in their writing to persuade people to save the orangutans. They have now started their new book 'The Bear Under the Stairs' and a mysterious object appeared in the classroom. The children asked questions to try and find out what it was and where it had come from. Everyone had great fun! In Numeracy, they have completed their work on 3D shapes and their properties by sorting the shapes into different groups and continuing patterns with shapes. In History they compared London in the past to London now, looking at how the buildings have changed and discussing how fire fighting has changed. During PSHE the children worked with a partner to make the Bird of Paradise they designed last week. They look absolutely brilliant and the children used great team work. In Science we discussed the importance of recycling and looked at different materials that can be recycled. To finish the week off the children have sketched London Bridge and used watercolours to add colour to their picture.

Class 4 and 5

Class 5 have been working hard this week on improving their extended writing skills. We have written letters to Winter's Child and are in the process of retelling the story. In maths we have been learning to identify fractions of shapes and unit and non unit fractions. We have also been trying to learn the months of the year rhyme off by heart. In history we have been looking at how the Ancient Greeks went to war using trireme battle ships. In science we've been sorting animals using a Carroll diagram. In art we have been designing our very own Ancient Greek black figure pots.

