

# Spittal Community First School Weekly News!

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### News & Events

Unfortunately COVID cases in school have risen. We currently have 8 cases so therefore we need to put some measures back in place and implement the outbreak management plan. The children have returned to the bubble system and will eat lunches in their classrooms once again to reduce mixing. Start and end times will remain as they are as this is working well. Hopefully these measures combined with the 'firebreak' provided by half term we will once again reduce measures on our return.

We are joining with many schools in Berwick in support of Ryan Renton and will be holding an own clothes day on Thursday with donations to support this cause.

#### Star of the Week

Nursery Francesca

Class I Philippa

Class 2 Callum

<u>Class 3</u> Jayden

Class 4 Jack F

Class 5 Amy

Class 6 Jacob

# What have we been learning this week?

## Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been reading Jack and The Beanstalk. The children have really enjoyed sequencing the story in the correct order, using the language and answering questions about how the characters might be feeling. They have enjoyed painting beanstalks, we've had 'magic beans' in our tuff tray and we've used small world resources to act out the story. In numeracy, we've used cubes to measure different sized beanstalks. We've also had lots of outdoor time this week, we've been climbing on the apparatus pretending to be Jack!

We have also been learning to write our names using the correct letter formation. All children have participated in Sounds Great activities to develop their listening skills and phonological awareness. Nursery children have been learning to blend and segment CVC words, using pictures to support them.



# Diary Dates

#### Spring Term

#### Thursday 17th February

Own clothes day in aid of Ryan Renton.

School closes for half term 3.20 p.m.

#### Monday 28th February

School re-opens

### Thursday 3rd March

World Book day. Dress up as animals!

## Tuesday 8th March

Reception Vision Screening

### Monday 14th March

Science week

#### Thursday 17th March

'Travelling by Tuba' visit the school



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#### Class I

This week we have been working hard on strengthening our fine and gross motor skills! Gross and fine motor skills are very important in helping us to develop our writing skills. We were very excited about our new obstacle course delivery and are loving using it outside. We have practised balancing, walking up and down steps and jumping. We also received a new delivery of outdoor toys for our front garden. The children thoroughly enjoyed being outdoors threading, playing with the small world toys and making pies and cakes in our mud kitchen. Well done Reception!





## Class 2 & 3

Class 2 and 3 have been using time adverbials and adjectives in their writing to retell the traditional story of Hansel and Gretel this week in Literacy. They have focused on extending their sentences using conjunctions 'and, so, but' and 'because' and have looked at using exclamation marks. In History they have compared and contrasted London today and with London in 1666 as part of their work on 'The Great Fire of London'. During R.E. they have found out about the Jewish festival of Hanukkah and have started to make their own Menorah candlestick. Class 3 had another special visit from the 'Tweed Fisheries' this week and had a great morning on Wednesday creating their own animations about the life cycle of a trout. They made their own backgrounds and characters for the film in small groups and became directors producing their own film. Everyone is looking forward to watching their finished animation next week! Another fun week and a BIG well done to all the children!







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## Class 4

In Class 4 this week we have continued to work on our poems about a Kraken. The story 'Pugs of the Frozen North' has reached an exciting point where the hero pugs have defeated the Kraken and saved the day. We have also completed a poster including facts about the Kraken. We thoroughly enjoyed golf with Nicole on Thursday. Also this week, we have discussed e-safety as part of safer internet day.

## Class 5 & 6

Year 4 are still enjoying reading our class book, 'Pugs of the Frozen North'. This week we have been studying Yetis. We have created a pen portrait of a yeti and next week we are going to use this to write our very own yeti kennings. In maths we have been looking at equivalent fractions and the children have made good progress with their understanding of these. In art we have had a go at drawing mythical Greek creatures and Greek soldiers. On Tuesday the children enjoyed carrying out a very messy soil experiment which investigated soil permeability.

