

Spittal Community First School Weekly News!

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News & Events

Tuesday 2nd May is another day of strike action so we will be closed except for children in the nursery and Mr Straughan's class. On Thursday we are celebrating the Coronation and children can come to school dressed in red, white and blue. We will be taking part in coronation activities and holding a street party.

As the weather is becoming warmer we are changing our entrance arrangements. From next week the gates will continue to open at 8.45. The children can play outside until 8.55 when they will line up and be taken into school by their class teacher. Members of staff will be on duty to supervise the children during this time so you are welcome to drop off and leave the children with us in the yard.

What have we been learning this week?

Nursery and Reception

Nursery and Reception have had another fun week learning about Space. We have carried on reading 'Astro Girl' and Reception have been writing books describing how to be an astronaut. We have all been investigating the different phases of the moon. Nursery have been carefully painting some of the phases and Reception have made a wheel to show all the different phases. Everyone has enjoyed playing outside on the bikes and scooters (even though it has been much colder than we wanted it to be!) This week we welcomed back Rhiannon from Yogi Bairns. She will be teaching us yoga every Wednesday afternoon this term.





Star of the Week	
Nursery	Asher
<u>Class I</u>	Jace
<u>Class 2</u>	Louie B.
Class 3	Troy
<u>Class 4</u>	Isabelle
<u>Class 5</u>	Blake R.

Diary Dates

Summer Term Dates Monday Ist May Closed for Bank Holiday Tuesday 2nd May Strike day Thursday 4th May Coronation party, dress in red white and blue! Friday 5th May Year 3 kite and dance workshops Monday 8th May Closed for Bank Holiday Tuesday 9th May Class photographs Wednesday 10th May Mr Skippy is coming to work with Year 3 and 4 children Thursday 18th May 'Time to Share' 3.20 p.m. Saturday 20th May Choir performance Friday 26th May School closes at 3.20 p.m. for half term.



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Class 2 and 3

This week in literacy Year I and 2 have been writing persuasive letters to Mrs Kiff. The children used a wide range of adjectives and persuasive vocabulary in their letters. In numeracy Year I have continued to practise counting in twos and have started to count in fives. In Year 2 the children have continued to learn about fractions. This week the children looked at quarters. In science the children were identifying and classifying coniferous and evergreen trees, enjoyed exploring the garden and are looking forward to planting seeds next week. In art the children used the watercolour paints to create beautiful wild garden pictures and had another fantastic rugby session in PE. Well done Year I and 2.





Class 4 and 5

In maths, Class 4 have been looking at centimetres and millimetres and using rulers to measure items around the classroom. In science and history we have been completing definitions of key words in preparation for exploring our topics of 'The Mayans' and 'Plants'. In P.E we have been developing our rugby skills and we began to learn how to play tag rugby. In art we have been looking at Cubism and created some cubic inspired artwork.

Class 5 have enjoyed exploring the character of 'Mrs Tredegar' from our book 'The Green Ship' by Quentin Blake. They created some wonderful pen portraits and then wrote some excellent character descriptions. In maths we have been developing our knowledge of hundredths and working on learning our tables in readiness for the times table check in June. Please encourage your child to play the online games 'Hit The Button' and 'J2blast' because these games really do help with times table retention. In geography we have been exploring the climate of rainforests and



the children have created some excellent rainforest postcards. In science we have been examining the function of plant roots. The children enjoyed their first swimming lesson last week. If you haven't already done so please send your child's swimming money to school in a clearly labelled envelope.

