



News & Events

Next week we have the school photographer visiting school. If the children have siblings in school the photographer will take photographs of siblings together in addition to individual photographs. Unfortunately we can't include any siblings who do not attend this school.

As we only have 2 new cases of Covid in school this week, we have dropped below the level for the outbreak management plan and can reduce some additional measures. From Monday, we no longer require a staggered drop off or pick up so therefore we can return to the arrangements we had in place in September. Drop off is now from 8.45-8.55 and pick up is from 3.10-3.20 p.m. Miss Jeffrey and Mr Straughan's classes will continue to enter and exit through the main door to ease congestion and facilitate distancing in the yard. Nursery drop off is 8.45a.m. and pick up at 3p.m. The one way system will still operate and we thank parents for their continued support with this. Obviously we will keep an eye on cases in school and review measures on a weekly basis.

Star of the Week



<u>Nursery</u>	Eleanor
<u>Class 1</u>	Mila
<u>Class 2</u>	Eden
<u>Class 3</u>	Morgan
<u>Class 4</u>	Sonny
<u>Class 5</u>	Blake W
<u>Class 6</u>	Alisha

What have we been learning this week?

Nursery

This week all our activities have been based on the story of Goldilocks and the 3 Bears. We have enjoyed retelling the story using sequencing cards and finger puppets. We have loved exploring in our porridge oats sensory tray, using a variety of utensils and different sized bowls. We have also had a tray with foam and different sized bears to mark make with - the children were able to describe the size of the bears and sort them based on colour and size. They've loved playing with the play dough and Goldilocks themed cutters.

We've been learning lots of new vocabulary related to the story - 'forest', 'setting', 'medium sized', 'cottage', 'path' and 'massive'.



Diary Dates

Spring Term

Tuesday 8th February

Safer internet day

School photographer

Thursday 17th February

School closes for half term 3.20 p.m.



Class 1

This week in Reception we started to read a new book called 'Biscuit Bear'. Using the front cover of the story we worked together to try and predict what was going to happen in the story, who the bear might be and why he was wearing an apron. We also discussed what the job of an author and an illustrator was and introduced the blurb on the back of the book. In maths, Reception has been exploring capacity. We've been working hard to understand the vocabulary; full, half full, empty, nearly empty and nearly full. We did this through practical activities in the water and sand using different measuring equipment! The children have worked hard this week to design and create their own toy using recyclable materials. We all used our imagination and creativity to design something completely unique. Our next step is to describe our toy and place a picture in our Toy Factory. Well done, Reception!



Class 2 & 3

This week year 1 and 2 enjoyed learning facts about lions and making a fact file about this. They have been Historians and have found out how we know about The Great Fire of London and are designing African patterns in art. Class 3 had a fantastic time learning about the life cycle of a trout. They have been introduced to new vocabulary including alevin, fry, parr and spawning to describe the process. They used a scientific key to identify the different types of fish that can be found in the River Tweed and discussed similarities and differences between them. They have checked the fish tank water to ensure our trout eggs are healthy and today the eggs have started to hatch which is very exciting! In Maths the children have been finding the difference between 2 numbers on the number line and have practised counting on to the next 10. They have also continued to learn and recall facts for the 5 times table. An excellent weeks work again. Well done everyone!





Class 4

This week in literacy, Class 4 have been writing a commentary on the start of the 'Great Northern Race'. We made sure to add lots of expanded noun phrases and openers to make it exciting. We have also been working on advanced conjunctions to lengthen our sentences. In numeracy we have worked on division with tangible and visual aids to reinforce our understanding using White Rose Maths. In P.E we created our very own golf course and worked alongside our partners to try and get the lowest possible score. In science we transformed into palaeontologists and used our detective skills to work out which fossils were linked to the dinosaur. We have found out about Chinese new year. We looked into the tradition investigating why and what happens during the 15 day celebration. Our key words this week are: Mandarin, banquet, wealth and lunar.



Class 5 & 6

This week Year 4 have really enjoyed reading 'Pugs of the Frozen North'. The race to the top of the world has started and the contestants have had to deal with an angry kraken and noodle making yetis. Earlier in the week the children wrote a television commentary on the start of the race and over the last couple of days they have been working hard on writing their own kraken poems. In maths we are continuing to work on fractions and the children are beginning to be able to recognise simple fractions of shapes and fractions on a number line. In art we have been designing our very own Greek black figure ware pots.

