



# Spittal Community First School

## Weekly News!

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### News & Events

As you will no doubt be aware, the government are relaxing nationally Covid restrictions. For us in school we have updated guidance to follow which states that our outbreak management plan should be put in place which includes bubbles, staggered starts, and reduced mixing within school should be put in place if the following applies;

- 5 children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period
- 10% of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period

Although the number of positive cases in school is decreasing the above criteria applies to us so we will keep current measures in place and review again next week. I thank you as ever for your support with this and we hope to return to normal as soon as possible.

### Star of the Week



<u>Nursery</u>	Leo
<u>Class 1</u>	Louis T
<u>Class 2</u>	Gracie-Mae
<u>Class 3</u>	Jayden
<u>Class 4</u>	William
<u>Class 5</u>	Isaac
<u>Class 6</u>	Ewan

### What have we been learning this week?

#### Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have been learning all about 'The 3 Little Pigs'. The children enjoyed sequencing and acting out the story using picture cards and finger puppets. They have enjoyed painting and playdough activities during child initiated learning. We've had straw, sticks and bricks in the tuff trays. We've used lollipop sticks to make stick houses and the construction blocks to make brick houses. They have joined in with the repeated re-frains throughout the story. We have observed them using this language in their child initiated play! We've been learning lots of new vocabulary including - 'adventure', 'demolished', 'chimney', 'announced', 'different' and 'proud' Tracy led a circus themed session on Monday and Rhiannon delivered a yoga class on Wednesday afternoon. We are hoping to re-establish our library visit next Thursday.



### Diary Dates

#### Spring Term

##### Monday 31st January

National storytelling week

##### Wednesday 2nd February

Chinese New Year lunch

##### Friday 4th February

Pyjama and story day

##### 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 have been learning all about mass! We worked in pairs and used the balance scales to explore and experiment with classroom materials to see which balanced and which were heavier or lighter than the others. The children worked extremely well and even created human scales where they closed their eyes to really focus on the weight of objects in their hands. On Thursday we created teddy bear biscuits. The children enjoyed weighing out the ingredients, mixing them and creating something delicious. Reception children have had a great week this week, working hard and working together as a team. Well done! We have focused on the following vocabulary this week; departed, crept, howl, balance, heavier and lighter.



### Class 2 & 3

This week Year 1 and 2 have been busy learning to write questions and have been using conjunctions in their writing. They have used a range of different materials to make African masks and made their own Torah scrolls. Year 2 have investigated invertebrates in science and Year 1 enjoyed a round of golf in P.E. Another fun week!







### Class 4

This week in literacy, Class 4 have been reading more of the book 'Pugs Of The Frozen North'. The book has introduced some lively characters as they are getting ready to race to the summit of an icy mountain to be granted a wish of their choosing. We have checked our understanding of the text through comprehension questions and created our own vision of what the starting line would look like prior to the race. In numeracy, we have started division using the 'bus stop' method. We have found it very tricky but have worked hard to increase our understanding. In Science we have looked at fossils and how they are formed. We have also looked at some real fossils in school. In art, we have created our very own 'fjord' based on our literacy book and we will be creating a graffiti tag of our name using coloured paper. This week our key words were: erosion, minerals, summit and fjord.



### Class 5 & 6

This week Year 4 have had great fun retelling the Hansel and Gretel fairy tale. In maths we are beginning to learn about fractions. On Tuesday everybody completed their Arts Award booklets and wrote about our recent animation workshop and the work of L. S. Lowry. The children are enjoying our study of Ancient Greece, this week we have been learning about the ancient city state of Sparta.

