



# Spittal Community First School

## Weekly News!

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### News & Events

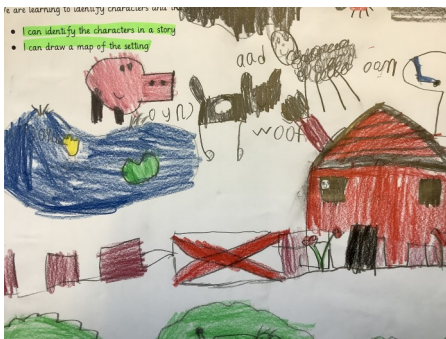
Red Nose Day raised a grand total of £90 for this fantastic cause Thank you for your support.

### What have we been learning this week?

#### Nursery and Reception

This week, Nursery have been busy exploring the world of the farmyard through the story of "The Little Red Hen." The children have retold the story through roleplay, taking turns being the hen and her barnyard companions. This helped them understand the importance of helping others and the value of hard work. As we delved into the story, we introduced new vocabulary related to the farmyard, like **planting, sowing, grinding, baking, harvest, flour, dough, knead** and **bread**. The children practiced their pencil control by tracing and drawing shapes on activity sheets. This helped them to develop a correct pencil grip which is an important foundation for future writing skills. In Numeracy, we have been learning about 2D shapes. The children used colourful construction paper to cut out various shapes like circles, triangles, and squares, and then assembled them to create their own unique "shape hens." This activity helped them identify and recognize basic shapes in a fun and interactive way. Inspired by the story, we turned our kitchen area into a bakery! The children had a great time mixing ingredients, kneading dough and watching the dough grow in size before baking individual bread rolls. Finally, we followed instructions to make sandwiches, tasting a variety of different types of bread.

Reception have had another busy week. In maths we have been exploring time vocabulary and using it to sequence events. We have also been using small clocks to support our learning of time; telling time to o'clock. On Tuesday we explored the field and garden looking for signs of spring. We found daffodils, catkins, daisies, tree buds and saw nests high up in the trees. We took photographs and then drew pictures of some of the different signs of spring. In yoga we discussed our emotions and explored them using different coloured pompoms. Throughout the week we have also been discussing how we are feeling using the 'Zones of Regulation'.



### Star of the Week

<u>Nursery</u>	Devyn & Ivy
<u>Class 1</u>	Asher & Aria
<u>Class 2</u>	Casey & Francesca
<u>Class 3</u>	Brooklyn & Louis
<u>Class 4</u>	Gracie & Gracie-Mae
<u>Class 5</u>	Ray & Luke

### Diary Dates

#### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Easter Bingo 3.20 p.m.

#### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

School closes at 3.20 p.m. for Easter.

#### Summer Term

School re-opens Monday 15th April at 8.55 a.m.

#### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Closed for bank holiday

#### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Class Photographs

#### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May

'Time to Share' 3.20 p.m.

#### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

School closes for half term break.



### Class 2 and 3

Year 1 had a busy week again. In Literacy they completed their interesting factfiles about eggs and produced some lovely diagrams to accompany them. During Numeracy sessions the children continued work on numbers to 50 and placing them on a numberline and estimating their position. In History the children compared household items from the past to those in the present day and in PSHE looked at safety in different rooms of the house. To end the week, the children completed a directed drawing of spring flowers and used pastels to complete them. Another super week, well done Year 1!

Year 2 had another busy week in school. In Literacy the children have written their own stories based on the book 'The Bear Under the Stairs'. To make their story interesting they used their own characters and a range of different sentence types, including questions and exclamations. They also started to write their own fact file about brown bears using real information. This week in Numeracy the children started work on multiplication, they have looked at making equal groups and repeated addition. In History the children ordered the important events of Neil Armstrong's life on a timeline and in RE discussed The Last Supper and why it is important to Christian people. In Art the children used pastels to create space art work and abstract backgrounds in the style of Peter Thorpe. Another super week, well done everyone!



### Class 4 and 5

This week Year 3 have finished the book 'The Cloud Tea Monkeys'. We found out the monkeys helped Tashi gather some special tea leaves for the royal tea taster. We then created a thank you letter to the monkeys using present perfect tense. In numeracy we have been consolidating our learning on millimetres and centimetres. In music we have been learning to play the Djembe drums and practising rhythm and pace. In art we have started our Faberge eggs which we hope we will complete next week.

Class 5 have started to retell the 'Cinnamon' story and have created some excellent introductions where they describe Cinnamon, her family and the palace setting in India. In maths the children have been developing their confidence converting improper fractions to mixed numbers. In science we have been looking at the particle structure within solids, liquids and gases. In P.E. the children have been developing their rugby and gymnastics skills. In R.E. we have been looking at The Easter Story.