

# Southdale Sparkle

19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

## Goodbye

Today we say goodbye to Mrs L Harrington, one of our Lunchtime supervisors, who has been with us for three years, we would like to take this opportunity to wish her well as she grows her cleaning business.

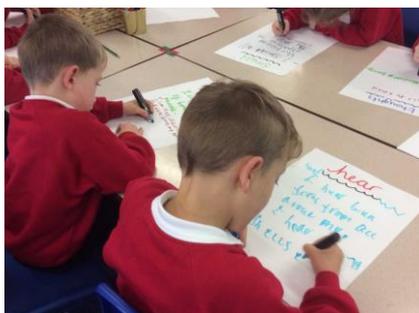


## Parents evening

Parents evening takes place next week. Please see the office if you haven't already made an appointment. This is an opportunity to see how your child has settled into the new academic year. You will gain information on specific targets that your child is working on so you can continue to support them at home.

## Year 3

This week we began learning about World War I. In English we have read the book 'Where the Poppies now grow', a story about two friends whose innocent war games of their childhood become real with the outbreak of war. Children have spent the week drafting diary entries in the voice of Ben, describing the day he nearly lost his life and learned the strength of true friendship.



Now that Mr Tin has managed to clear the scrap metal from his land, he has decided to earn money by growing crops. As it is autumn, he has decided to grow onions but is not sure how much growing space the bulbs need. In order to help him, and to ensure Mr Tin does not waste any money, we have set up an investigation to find out how much growing space is needed to produce a successful crop of onions.



In art, we have been sketching poppies and experimenting with watercolours which we shall continue next week. In maths, we have been comparing numbers and solving problems linked to these. Finally, as part of RE, we have begun to learn about the creation story in the Christian Bible

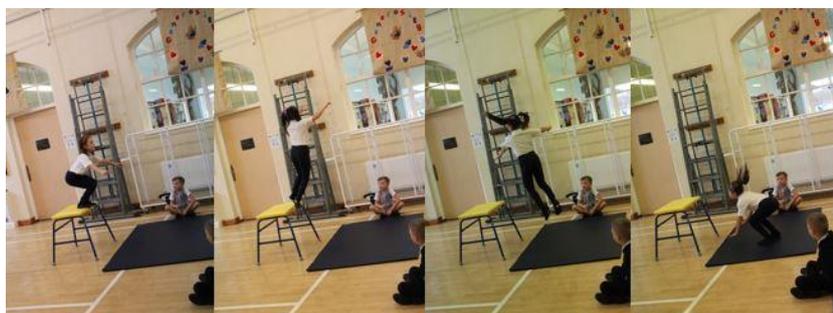
and have been thinking about the Earth and what makes it incredible. As part of their homework this week, we are asking children to prepare a written response and share their own views regarding what they feel makes the world an amazing place.

*\*For more photos of these events please see our twitter page @ SouthdaleY3*

## Year 4

We can't believe the first half term is nearly over – where does the time go? This week we have been busy bees as usual. In P.E we have been working on jumping and twisting as well as making sure our landings are precise and steady. We are very happy with the progress we are making: regularly nailing our landings. We have also been working on a piece of writing about WW1 using the book, 'Where the Poppies now Grow' as an inspiration. The children have been using a fantastic range of

vocabulary. They are so aware of words around them now: regularly telling us about new words they have read in their reading books. One of our Year 4 Southdale Sparklers even read a page from the book in assembly in front of the whole school. We were all very proud of her. Our displays from our work around 'The Fence' are now almost complete and are looking fabulous, showcasing a selection of the children's talents. Finally, we are looking forward to seeing you all at parents evening next week for a good catch up on how your child has settled into Year 4. See you then, The Year 4 team.



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## Year 5

What a commemorating week! We began by exploring the history of World War 1 and why we are having a two week focus on this- the children were hooked! Using an image from the book 'Where the poppies grow,' the children created a range of sentences, progressing on sentence techniques that they were using. From this, the children created a plan for a description about the image below. We can't wait to see the finished piece published next week!

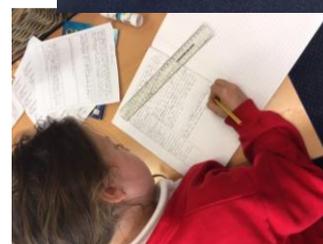


In Maths this week, it has involved Year 5 beginning to look at line graphs (reading

and interpreting.) We are moving onto more problem solving with line graphs.

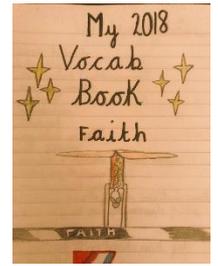


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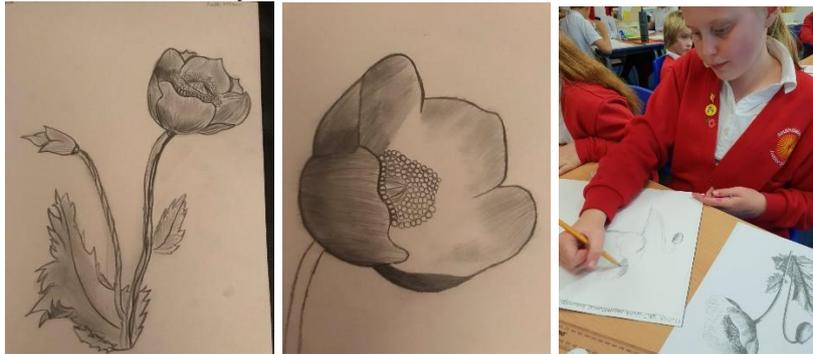


## Year 6

This week Year 6 have been reflecting upon the contributions made by those who served our country during World War 1. In the planning stages for our writing we have introduced our 'Writer's Journals'. It has been delightful to see their enthusiasm for vocabulary, with some children asking if they can take them home to gather more wonderful words.

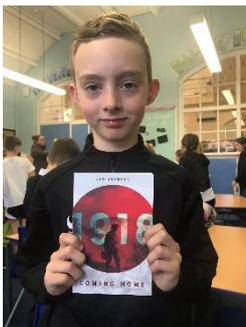


As well as evaluating a range of different texts to base our writing on, we have kicked off our latest art project. Using detailed drawings as a starting point, we mindfully sketched lifelike depictions of poppies. Frankly, we were stunned by the results!



Our children are continuing to display a thirst for reading – especially around our newest topic. Noah brought in his copy of '1918: Coming Home' to share with his class. Keep them coming, Year 6!

In our sporting endeavours, we had a chance to act in role as sports leaders, critiquing those who were bold enough to take on the responsibility of group leader! We had great fun playing the games, but essentially, learned more techniques on how to successfully manage others in group situations.



*\*For regular updates and photos please see our twitter page @Y6Southdale\**

## Sport

This week, Year 5 attended a football tournament at Ossett United. A big well done to them – they certainly did us proud! This week the children have participated in some super PE lessons:

- Year 3 continued to develop their dance skills and the progress is evident.
- Year 4 have been developing gymnastic skills. They have been travelling low and working on finishing positions.



- Year 5 have progressed into using their ball skills in order to compete in small teams against each other.
- Year 6 have been leading small games for their peers and practising using the leadership skills they have been learning about.

### Well done

Hannah Smith you are an inspiration. You are continuing to excel with your running.  
Well done for pushing and challenging yourself.

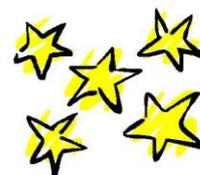


### Special mentions

3LH	Rihanna	For making a huge effort to improve her handwriting
3AS	Zara	For showing Southdale Sparkle whatever she does and doing it with a smile
3LS	Max	A super sketch of a poppy!
4RD	Amelie	For being a fabulous lunch monitor and making sure everyone had booked their lunch
4RR	Benjamin	For showing a super attitude to learning.
4SF	Mia	For fantastic perseverance with her maths this week.
5SB	Joey	A fantastic improvement in his behavior this week. Well done and keep it up.
5AM	Jaxon Isla	For producing a fantastic word cloud linked to our WW1 Topic.
5GM	Katie	Katie has settled into 5G seamlessly- she is a pleasure to have in class.
6MF	Fenn	For a growth mindset in maths!
6ZR	Megan	For a fantastic, positive attitude and growth mindset during maths booster!
6RM	Freddie Taylor	For always giving 100% in everything, wonderful attitude to learning and school life.
HT Award	Charlie	An absolute superstar! Charlie always makes the right choices and tries his best at everything he does.

## Attendance winners for the week 3LS with 99%

<b>3AS</b>	97%	<b>4RD</b>	95%	<b>5AM</b>	97%	<b>6MF</b>	97%
<b>3LH</b>	98%	<b>4RR</b>	95%	<b>5GM</b>	95%	<b>6RM</b>	96%
<b>3LS</b>	99%	<b>4SF</b>	97%	<b>5SB</b>	95%	<b>6ZR</b>	96%



### Important Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
22 October 4:30pm – 6:30pm	Parents evening
23 October 4:00pm – 7pm	Parents evening
9 November	Year 6 visit Wakefield Museum
20 November	Tempest Photographer in School Individual and Family Groups
9 January 2019	Young Voices
18,19 and 20 March	Year 4 Visit to Robinwood

### Term Dates 2018 - 2019

Date	Event
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	School opens
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes for half term
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	School opens
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	School closed for the Christmas Holidays
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	School opens
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for the half term
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	School opens
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	School closes
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	School opens
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes for half term
Monday 3 <sup>th</sup> June	School opens
Friday 19 July	School closes for the summer holiday

**We have 0 closure (INSET) for staff training to be allocated for 2018/2019**