

Southdale Sparkle

20 November 2020

Courage



"I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear."

Nelson Mandela

Our Christian value for this half term is courage. We have been exploring what it means to have courage to do the right thing, such as facing new challenges and speaking out against injustice.

Our children have been showing courage in bucketloads and we could not be more proud: From overcoming physical barriers and running to raise money for charity; taking risks and showing a growth mindset in all their learning; performing poems for the whole school to watch; to quickly adapting to new ways of learning from home - we are simply blown away each day by what our children do!

PLASTIC POLLUTION!



This week, our marine iguana has been placed in a sub-tropical enclosure in our new 'Galapagos' exhibition at London Zoo to begin his recovery. As this reptile will never return to its natural habitat, we decided to travel to Galapagos to find him a mate. However, our team were shocked by what they discovered.

These once picturesque, pristine islands are now littered with plastic pollution. We were shocked and disgusted to find that many animals had become trapped or had died because of these single-use plastics.

Our focus is now to work with the Ecuador Government to reduce their plastic pollution whilst promoting the importance of recycling globally too.

In **French**, we have been learning how to pronounce the names of different fruits! We loved using our new vocabulary to create our own French Fruit Smoothie. The children chose the ingredients to include and then gave their smoothie a unique name which was très excitant!



In Science, we have been grouping animals and living things from the Galapagos Islands in a variety of ways. To begin with, we created simple animal groups, but this quickly progressed into discussing the diversity of life on Galapagos. We now have a greater understanding of the importance that every life form has within the Galapagos ecosystem.

SCIENCE IN ACTION - THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM!

Science this week was both interesting and exciting, and it's fair to say that there were lots of giggles! We have been learning about the digestive system; the organs involved in digestion and their functions. We particularly enjoyed the practical demonstration! .

In Maths, we have been learning how to use the column method for subtraction, focussing particularly on exchanging. This has been tricky but we are beginning to master it! We have also been using our reasoning skills to solve subtraction puzzles and problems.

In French, we have been learning the different parts of the body and adjectives to describe them, working hard on making sure that the adjective matches the masculine or feminine noun.



4RR have been working extremely hard at home through their Microsoft Teams lessons and have produced some excellent work. Some of them even cooked their own soup at home this week. Well done 4RR and we can't wait until you are back at school!

SHOULD WE STOP TOURISM ON THE LAND OF NEVERBELIEVE?

This week, it was the turn of 5AM in the cook it room. They cooked a delicious paneer curry.

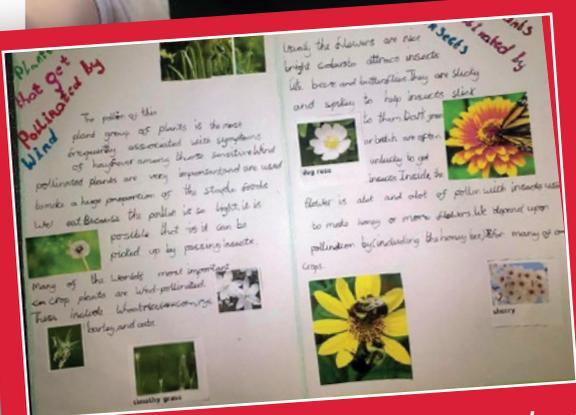


The children have been continuing to use the Land of Neverbelieve to focus on their geography skills. They have produced fantastic informative posters about the different biomes of the world.

In our narrative journey, the children found out that their travel brochures were successful and the Land of Neverbelieve has been flooded with tourists. However, due to tourism ruining the unique island, they are not faced with the question 'should the land of Neverbelieve stay open for tourists?'. The children are planning a balanced argument to answer this question.

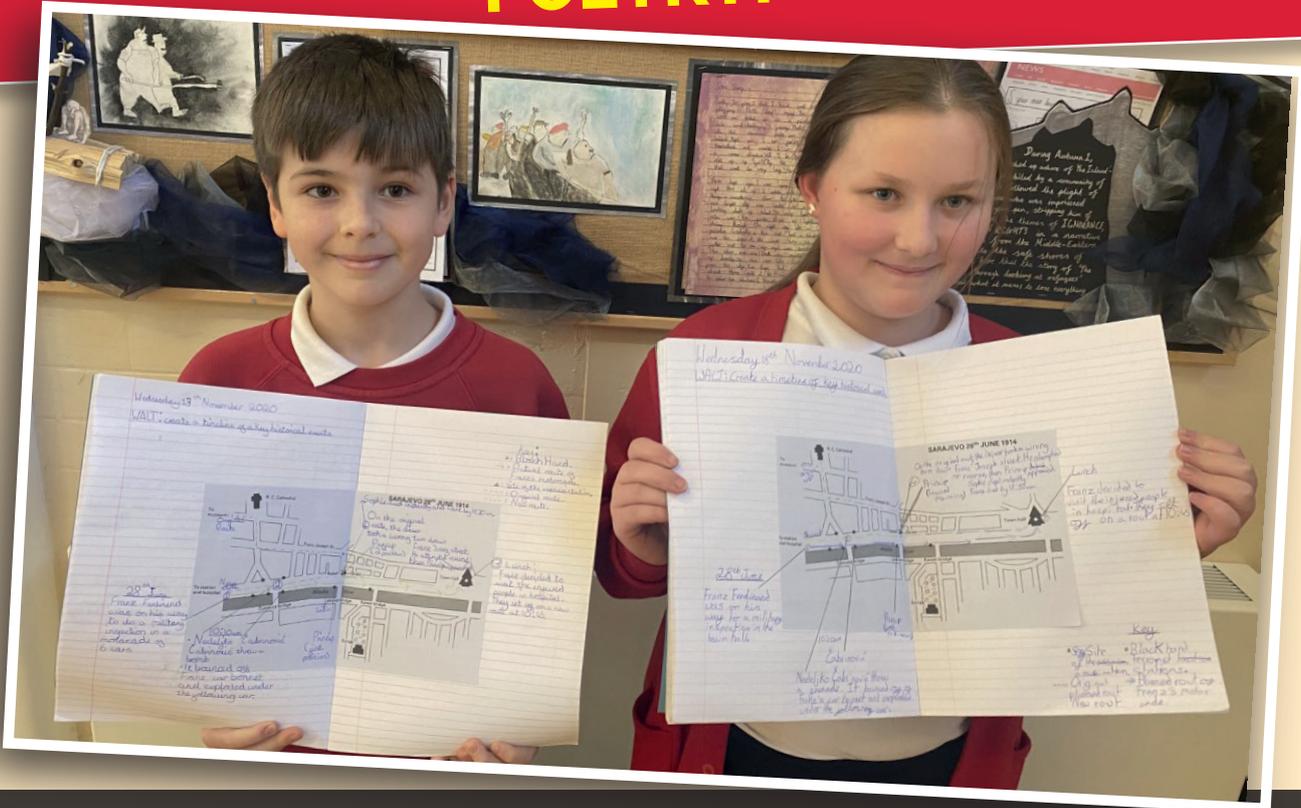
In reading this week, the children continued to read the book - 'The Explorer'. We held a great discussion sharing our thoughts and wonders as part of our book talk session. We learnt some new vocabulary on Wednesday and showed a great confidence when answering a range of VIPERS questions.

Well done to all of you who have been learning at home through Microsoft Teams. We are so proud of you all and pleased that you are continuing to show the Southdale Sparkle in all that you do!



In Science, the children have learnt about pollination. They created posters with facts about flowers which are pollinated by the wind and flowers which are pollinated by insects.

SERBIAN CONFLICT, SUPERB SPELLING, FABULOUS FRACTIONS AND FRENCH POETRY!



This week, we have turned back time and found ourselves in Sarajevo – the capital of Bosnia – where seven Serbian conspirators were plotting the attack that triggered the First World War. We spent time researching the Archduke Franz Ferdinand – the heir to the Austro-Hungarian Empire – and how his assassination dragged the whole of Europe into conflict.

In maths, we have been refining our understanding of fractions, calculating equivalents, ready to start adding and subtracting fractions next week. As well as this, we have been working hard improving our flair for arithmetic, with some of us achieving our best scores yet!

We had a great time making up our own poems in French to help remember the days of the week! Check some of them out on our Twitter page: @y6Southdale

Our spelling sessions this week have seen us converting 'able' and 'ible' words into adverbs by using the -ly suffix. We have loved using 'team teach' and 'dictation' to help us learn how to spell words such as: *credibly, tolerably, incredibly, responsibly, understandably, knowledgably and miserably.*



Supporting your child at home this week

YEAR 3 THIS WEEK

Reading: Please read with your child at home and ensure that they are **reading for at least 20 minutes a day**. We expect children to be changing their home reading book every week

Maths: Please support your child by encouraging them to practise their times tables using the app **TT Rock Stars**. In year 3, your children needs to know their **3, 4 and 8 times tables**.

Next week, we shall be exploring multiplication. In order to help your child at home, you could recap the relationship between repeated addition and multiplication using arrays.

<https://vimeo.com/469787855>

<https://resources.whiterosemaths.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/T-or-F-Year-2-S6-Use-arrays-1.pdf>

<https://resources.whiterosemaths.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Y2-Autumn-Block-4-WO6-Use-arrays-2019.pdf>

Narrative: We are focusing on the theme of pollution, in particular plastic pollution. We need to be able to talk about the plastic pollution crisis that is affecting the Galapagos Islands and the effects it is having on the animals there and around the world.

YEAR 4 THIS WEEK

Reading: Please read with your child at home and ensure that they are **reading for at least 20 minutes a day**. We expect children to be changing their home reading book every week

Maths: Please support your child by encouraging them to practise their times tables using the app **TT Rock Stars**.

Supporting your child at home this week

YEAR 5 THIS WEEK

Reading: Please read with your child at home and ensure that they are **reading for at least 20 minutes a day**. We expect children to be changing their home reading book every week

As we have been learning on **Microsoft Teams** this week, please can you check that you are up to date with all the work from the virtual lessons that we have had. Try to relax this weekend.

YEAR 6 THIS WEEK

Reading - The most important thing you can do to support your child with their education is to encourage them to **read for twenty minutes every day**.

Maths - We are so excited to be focusing on **fractions**.

Below are the links to find an accompanying video, printable homework sheet and printable answer sheet. Paper copies of the homework sheet will be available in classrooms if you wish your child to collect one.

SIMPLIFYING FRACTIONS

Accompanying video - <https://vimeo.com/467396285>

Homework sheet - <https://resources.whiterosemaths.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Y6-Autumn-Block-3-WO1-Simplify-fractions-2019.pdf>

Answer sheet - <https://resources.whiterosemaths.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Y5-Spring-Block-2-ANS1-Equivalent-fractions-2019.pdf>

PRIMES

Accompanying video - <https://vimeo.com/469694974>

Homework sheet - <https://resources.whiterosemaths.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Y5-Autumn-Block-4-D4-Prime-numbers-2019.pdf>

Answer sheet - <https://resources.whiterosemaths.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Y5-Spring-Block-2-ANS1-Equivalent-fractions-2019.pdf>

Online Safety - Please discuss how your child is **using social media** in their spare time. Looking at the guides on the <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/> website will help provide some tips on how to be kind and stay safe online.

Achievements



Head teachers Award

Mia JG

Raising money for blind veterans – you are a super star!

Special Mentions

3LH	Madison B	For super perseverance and concentration with your work in maths. You are getting there!!
3LS	Matilda R	For the focus, enthusiasm and hard work she shows in every lesson.
3SG	Sophie C	For her fantastic focus and determination during our assessments this week!
4EB	Phoebe I	For always having an amazing attitude towards her learning! Well done
4GT	Izabella BT	For shining like a star all day every day! Well done.
4RR	Eliza O	For great engagement with her home learning this week!
	Kasey S	For the quality and amount of work you have done whilst working at home. What a star
5AM	Connor P	For producing some excellent geography work on biomes this week. Well done!
5EZ	Elijah S	For working incredibly hard this week. Well done Elijah!
5FD	Charlotte Y	For being fully engaged and creative with her home learning. Well done Charlotte!
6KD	Gabe B	For having a super attitude to all his work this week. Well done Gabe!
6MF	Isobel G	For some excellent fraction work and an amazing Y6 attitude!
6ZR	Ellie H	For using a growth mindset in our fraction work this week – keep it up Ellie!

Wraparound Sparkles

Joshua S

For being a great role-model and simply being a pleasure to be around!

TT ROCKSTARS

Most improved

1	Teeghan N	5FD
2	Lexi-Mae J	4GT
3	Lucan B	4RR

TT ROCKSTARS

Most answered

1	Olivia AR	5AM
2	Jonathan OS	6KD
3	Amelia S	4GT

Term dates 2020-21

Autumn Term 2020

Monday 7 September	INSET DAY
Tuesday 8 September	School opens
Thursday 22 October	School closes for half term
Friday 23 October	INSET DAY
Monday 2 November	School opens
Friday 18 December	School closed for the Christmas Holidays

Spring Term 2021

Monday 4 January	School opens
Thursday 11 February	School closes for half term
Friday 12 February	CHANGE OF INSET DAY (no election day on 6th May)
Monday 22 February	School opens
Friday 26 March	School closes for Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2021

Monday 12 April	School opens
Monday 3 May	BANK HOLIDAY
Thursday 27 May	School closes for half term
Friday 28 May	INSET DAY
Monday 7 June	School opens
Friday 23 July	School closes for Summer Holidays
Monday 26 July	INSET DAY

Safeguarding



Mrs K Partington

Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs R Mohebi

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs R Randall

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Miss R Mallas

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mr V Foster

Safeguarding Governor



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C of E Junior school

Shining like stars in the universe