

Southdale Sparkle

13 November 2020

**Hi, it's Joshua and Isabelle here -
your new Head Boy and Head Girl.**

We are delighted to announce that we have finally selected our JLT. It was a very difficult job with over 100 applications. Thank you to everyone that applied! At the moment we are really working hard to make Christmas festive and fun; we have some brilliant ideas so far. Watch this space...



PERFECT IGUANA ENCLOSURE



In PE, the children have continued to develop their hockey skills. They have made fantastic progress with dribbling skills.

This week, the children have continued to focus on learning as much as possible about the marine iguana in order to ensure its survival at the zoo. We are extremely proud of the children's commitment to this task and have been incredibly impressed by their efforts to complete their own research at home. The models and designs the children have designed are stunning!

In **writing**, the children have now completed their narrative recount explaining how the Galapagos Islands were formed, how life first arrived and what these unique islands are like today. The children have produced some fantastic work full of detailed description and exciting vocabulary. They have thrilled us with their excitement to share their work.

In **maths**, the children have been using bar modelling to solve missing number problems. They have challenged themselves to use this method to solve one step and two step problems.

Our **Class Ambassadors** attended their first meeting this week and have been making suggestion boxes to collect ideas for Christmas activities. We are super excited!



CREATIVE ART!



We have had an incredibly creative week this week as we headed off to the woods ourselves. Having been inspired by the work of Andy Goldsworthy, we went to Springmill to work in teams to create our own sculptures using only leaves, twigs and mud. The finished pieces were fantastic and the children showed their imagination and patience to persevere and complete their art work.

In addition to this, we were thrilled to be told by people walking in the park that we were polite and friendly young people. *What a successful week!*



TRAVEL TO THE LAND OF NEVERBELIEVE



In P.E, we focused on dribbling the ball accurately and practising the push pass.

This week, we have written a persuasive travel brochure to advertise holidays to the 'Land of Neverbelieve'. In Geography, we have investigated different times zones and linked it to last week's work on longitude and latitude.

As our inspiration for reading this week, we have looked at the book 'The Explorer'. We enjoyed discussing our thoughts and wonders during our book talk session and expanding our vocabulary.



It was 5FD's turn in the kitchen this week. Half of the class made a delicious paneer curry whilst the other half of our class enjoyed a forest school lesson in the outdoor classroom.

FABULOUS WRITING

Following assessment week, we are super proud of the hard work and perseverance that all Year 6 have shown. Each and every one of you should be feeling very sparkly!

In English, we have used literary language, a range of sentence types and a variety of cohesive devices to capture what it was truly like to survive in the trench. Take a look at our final published outcomes - they are our best pieces yet!



We look forward to our Friday PE sessions - this half term we are practising our Hockey skills. Passing the ball and stopping the ball is a real skill!

6MF created a human circulatory system in **science** this week, showing how the heart circulates blood around the body. Did you know that, starting and finishing in the lungs, a red blood cell will visit the heart twice on its journey around the body?

In our **narrative**, we looked deeper into the life of an unknown soldier. Still to this day, we do not know who this soldier was or what happened to him. We looked closer at parts of their diary entries, alongside illustrations, to get a better insight into what life was like.

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*.

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**.

Themes: Over the next fortnight, we will be learning about **pollution and conservation** through our narrative. We will be thinking about the devastating effects of plastic pollution and what can be done to address it.

YEAR 4 THIS WEEK

Reading: Please continue to read with your child at home and ensure that they are *reading for 20 minutes a day*. Please continue to not only listen to your child read but to also enjoy sharing a book together. This half term we are reading a number of different texts. Our text for the next couple of weeks is called **'Survivors' by David Long and Kerry Hyndman**.

Maths: This week, we have been continuing our work on addition using it to answer some very challenging maths problem solving and reasoning questions. For homework, we would like you to work on the skill of **working out missing numbers when using column addition**.

There are two videos – a quick reminder about how to add and exchange using the columns and a video demonstrating how we find missing numbers. There are then some questions to work on. Please rewrite the columns and the numbers and use the method shown in the video to systematically work out the missing digits. This will help to consolidate your child's understanding of the method. There are some 3 digit and 4 digit questions to work on.

Recap video: https://youtu.be/rWcoU_H7MC4

Missing number addition video: <https://youtu.be/ggXLwaAiYuo>

Science: In science, we have been learning about the different **teeth** we have, the shapes and their functions. See if your child can remember the names, the number of teeth children and adults have and the functions of the different teeth.

Supporting your child at home this week

YEAR 5 THIS WEEK

Reading: Please read with your child at home and ensure they are *reading for at least 20 minutes a day*.

Maths: Worksheet: https://resources.whiterosemaths.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Y4-Spring-Block-3-WO1-What-is-a-fraction_-2019.pdf

Answers: https://resources.whiterosemaths.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Y4-Spring-Block-3-ANS1-What-is-a-fraction_-2019.pdf

Narrative - In preparation for our Geography lesson on **biomes**, why not research the different biomes of the world?

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**. To help with this, we have attached two lots of homework this week.

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.

FACTORS

Accompanying video - <https://vimeo.com/468941522>

Homework sheet - <https://resources.whiterosemaths.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Y5-Autumn-Block-4-D2-Factors-2019.pdf>

Answer sheet - <https://resources.whiterosemaths.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Y5-Autumn-Block-4-ANS2-Factors-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/2019/10/Y5-Autumn-Block-4-ANS4-Prime-numbers-2019.pdf>

Narrative - Please discuss the theme '**peace**' with your child/children, and the importance of peace in our world.

Achievements

	Head teachers Award	
	Ben M	For being such a super star by completing the poppy run. You have challenged yourself and shown such a growth mindset by running a mile a week to raise money for charity - we are so proud of you!

Special Mentions		
3LH	Lana C	For a fabulous model enclosure for our marine iguana. Well done!
3LS	Layla-May W	For taking care to publish your writing.
3SG	Chaise WW	For working hard in the small group to write a super description of the Galapagos Islands.
4EB	Ruben S	For being a brilliant example throughout the week with his behaviour and attitude.
4GT	Ella M	For her super effort on her artwork at Springmill.
4RR	Lara S	For always working incredibly hard and caring so much about her work and behaviour. A super star!
5AM	Emily C	For producing a fantastic piece of persuasive writing this week in English.
5EZ	Jessica W	For working extremely hard on her home learning. Well done Jessica!
5FD	Antonia G	For putting 100% effort into everything she does and always showing the Southdale Sparkle!
6KD	Noah GS	For putting in 100% effort into every lesson this week!
6MF	Evie S	For being polite and incredibly helpful in cooking!
6ZR	Olly W	For always showing such enthusiasm and commitment in everything that he does!

TT ROCKSTARS		
Most improved		
1	Wyatt F	5FD
2	Lexi-Mae J	4GT
3	Ellie H	6ZR

TT ROCKSTARS		
Most answered		
1	Kobe W	5EZ
2	Amelia S	4GT
3	Lyra S	3SG

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