

Southdale Sparkle

11 December 2020

Awe-inspiring Artwork!

At Southdale, we take immense pride in our artwork. Our art curriculum focuses on equipping our children with the knowledge, skills, creativity and inspiration to create high-quality art outcomes. Throughout their time at Southdale, our children use sketch books to record their observations, master techniques and revisit ideas. We also study a range of great artists (from Henry Moore to Banksy) and take inspiration from them. We are continually blown-away by the masterpieces that our children produce.



"I love persevering with me art and I am always so proud of my completed work"
Chloe Y6

"I like art because I can let out all my creativity on a piece of paper"
Ava Y4

"I love being able to develop my own ideas and be creative"
Max Y5

"I like art because you get to be you. I am proud of my iguana artwork"
Anya Y3

THE GLORIOUS GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS



Year three have come to the end of their journey on Galapagos, and what an adventure it has been! This week, we have been publishing our non-chronological reports about the amazing creatures we discovered whilst exploring Galapagos.

Art has been exciting! We have created backgrounds for the marine iguanas we have sketched.

In **maths**, we are continuing to work on multiplication, and the children are striving hard to learn their timetables.

In **PE**, the children's hockey skills have progressed and we have been practising our skills within small games.



WANTED!

This week in our narrative, we finally found the missing children, Hansel and Gretel. We were horrified to find that they had been captured by a cruel witch living in the forest. Before we had chance to restrain her, she fled. Our next mission is to try and track her down. We have been tasked with creating a WANTED poster to alert everyone in Wigtwizzle and the surrounding area to the danger she poses and to try and capture her before it's too late! We have begun this week by looking at some character descriptions and planning our poster.



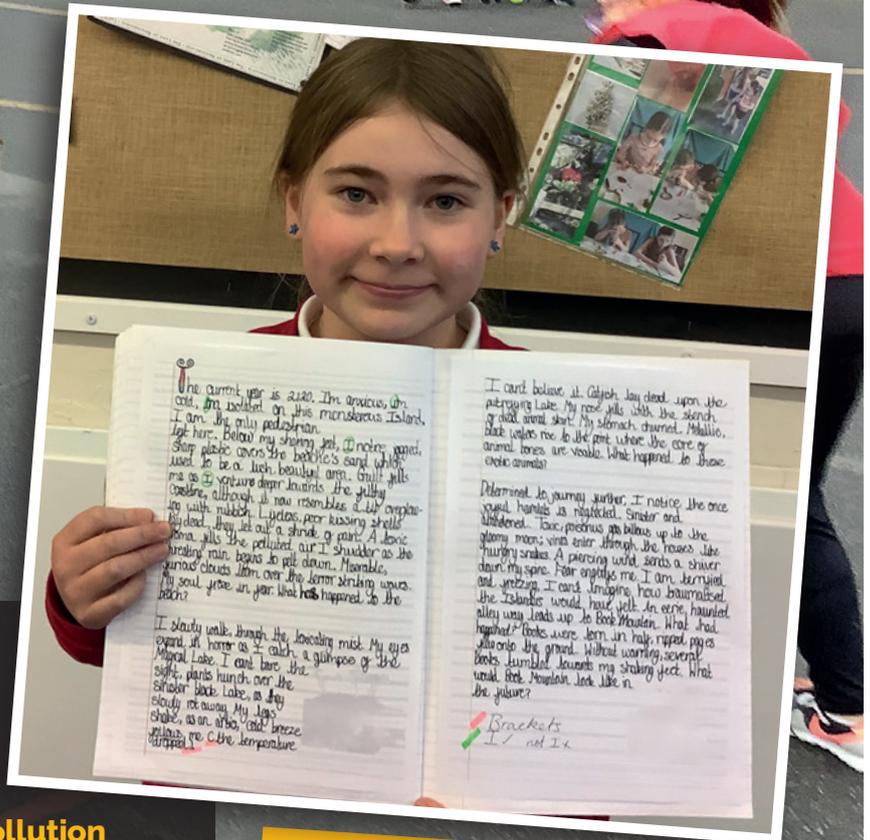
We have been whipping up some delicious Cornish pasties in cooking this week!



In Forest Schools, we have been using sheer lashing knots to create tepees!

HOCKEY FUN, WONDERFUL WRITING AND FABULOUS FRACTIONS!

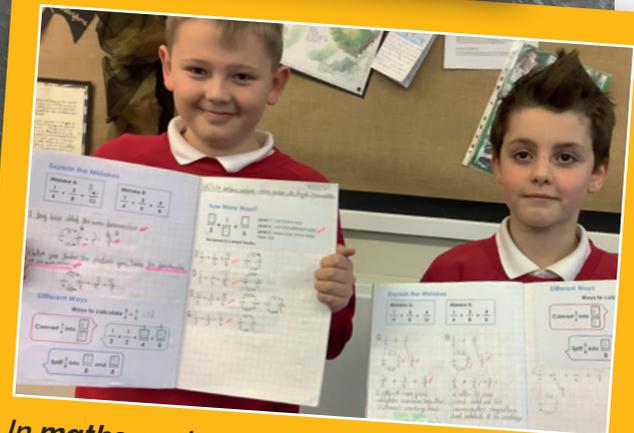
In P.E, we have continued to further develop our defending skills within small games. We combined all of the skills we've worked on previous weeks and enjoyed some excellent games against one another!



This week, we have been writing a setting description of what would potentially become of the Land of Neverbelieve - highlighting the devastating effect that continued pollution could cause. We're publishing our final outcomes and will be posting some of these on Twitter next week.

In reading this week, we have really enjoyed looking at the book, 'The Vanishing Rainforest'. We discussed the beginning of the story during our book talk session, broadened our vocabulary and developed our inference skills further.

Our spelling sessions this week have seen us focus on words with the 'ay' sound spelt *igh*, *ei*, *ey*. These are some of the words that we have been looking at: *weight*, *neighbour*, *sleigh*, *reign*, *weigh*, *obey*, *vein* and *grey*.



In maths, we have been continuing our work on fractions. We can now add, subtract and multiply mixed number fractions with different denominators. The children have worked really hard and we are so proud of all their hard work.

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 continue to support your child with their **times tables**. We have been working hard on mental skills especially **doubling and halving numbers**. Quick fire questions will support your child with this.

YEAR 4 THIS WEEK

Please see **Microsoft Teams** for our spelling and maths homework.

Supporting your child at home this week

YEAR 5 THIS WEEK

This week's homework will be on **Microsoft Teams**.

YEAR 6 THIS WEEK

We are super excited by our reading and maths advent challenges - remember doing one each day helps your brain remember more.

Reading:

Encouraging your child to **read for twenty minutes every day** is one of the most important things you can do to support their education..

Maths:

This week we have been **multiplying fractions**. Below are the links to find an accompanying video, printable homework sheet and printable answer sheet. Paper copies will be available in classrooms if you wish your child to collect one.

Accompanying video:

<https://vimeo.com/476253821>

Homework sheet:

<https://resources.whiterosemaths.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Y6-Autumn-Block-3-WO11-Multiply-fractions-by-fractions-2019.pdf>

Answer sheet:

<https://resources.whiterosemaths.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Y6-Autumn-Block-3-ANS11-Multiply-fractions-by-fractions-2019.pdf>

Narrative:

Reflecting on the themes of our narrative, discuss: **in war, is there really a 'winner'?**

Achievements

Special Mentions

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| 3LH | Max W Brook H | For an amazing achievement in maths- You got full marks in the Arithmetic test. Well done!! |
| 3LS | Alfie D | For being full of enthusiasm and positivity in all his work – especially his arithmetic! |
| 3SG | Chloe H | For her attitude to learning. She is always ready and gives 100% in every lesson! Well done. |
| 4EB | Lucca H | For having a great attitude towards his work this week. He has shown amazing motivation to be his best. |
| 4GT | Reggie W | For an amazing piece of writing in French! Well done. |
| 4RR | Riley V | For always being ready and eager to learn – you are a true superstar! |
| 5AM | Brooklyn G | For being a fractions whizz this week. Your excellent attitude to learning has really shone through. I'm so proud of everything thing you've achieved. |
| 5EZ | Lydia B | For showing a growth mindset and working extremely hard in Maths. Well done! |
| 5FD | Max B | For writing a creative and effective description of the Land of Neverbelieve. Well done Max! |
| 6KD | Matilda K | Matilda consistently gives every task her all. She is so enthusiastic and shows utter determination in everything she does. |
| 6MF | Evan R | For a cool, calm approach to his learning and a conscientious attitude in all his endeavours. |
| 6ZR | Owen H | Owen has worked incredibly hard to improve the presentation of his work! The whole of the year 6 team are super impressed! |

Wraparound Sparkles

Eva R

For always being lovely and respectful. You help bring the sparkle to our Sparkles Wraparound!

TT ROCKSTARS

Most improved

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| 1 | Lucy B | 5EZ |
| 2 | Layla G | 5EZ |
| 3 | Charlie AR | 5FD |

TT ROCKSTARS

Most answered

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| 1 | Olivia AR | 5AM |
| 2 | Amelia S | 4GT |
| 3 | Thomas B | 4EB |

Term dates 2020-21

Autumn Term 2020

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 |

After-school Clubs

SPRING 1 (January - February 2021)

| Day | Year Group | Activity | Provider | Cost | Dates |
|-----|------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|--|---|
| Mon | Year 4 | Gymnastics | PE Teacher | 6 sessions @£3 per session, £18 in total Max 15 places | 4 January 11 January 18 January 25 January 1 February 8 February |
| Mon | Year 6 | Cooking | Mrs Burrill | 6 sessions @£3.50 per session, £21 in total Max 15 places | |
| Mon | Year 3 | Bird watching | Mr Smithson | 6 sessions @£3.50 per session, £21 in total Max 8 places | |
| Tue | Year 4 Boys & Girls | Netball/ Basketball | PE Teacher | 6 sessions @£3 per session, £18 in total Max 15 places | 5 January 12 January 19 January 26 January 2 February 9 February |
| Tue | Year 5 | Outdoor Survival Skills | Miss Stott | 6 sessions @£3.50 per session, £21 in total Max 15 places | |
| Tue | Year 3 | Cooking | Mrs Smith | 6 sessions @£3.50 per session, £21 in total Max 15 places | |
| Tue | Year 5 | Bird watching | Mr Smithson | 6 sessions @£3.50 per session, £21 in total Max 8 places | |

After-school Clubs

SPRING 1 (January - February 2021)

| Day | Year Group | Activity | Provider | Cost | Dates |
|------|------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|---|--|
| Wed | Year 3 Boys & Girls | Football | PE Teacher | 6 sessions @£3 per session, £18 in total Max 15 places | 6 January 13 January 20 January 27 January 3 February 10 February |
| Wed | Year 4 | Cooking | Miss Woolley | 6 sessions @£3.50 per session, £21 in total Max 15 places | |
| Wed | Year 6 | Bird watching | Mr Smithson | 6 sessions @£3.50 per session, £21 in total Max 8 places | |
| Thur | Year 5 Boys & Girls | Football | PE Teacher | 6 sessions @£3 per session, £18 in total Max 15 places | 7 January 14 January 21 January 28 January 4 February 11 February |
| Thur | Year 6 | Mad Art Class | Miss Mallas | 6 sessions @£3.50 per session, £21 in total Max 8 places | |
| Fri | Year 6 Boys & Girls | Netball/ Basketball | PE Teacher | 5 sessions @£3 per session, £15 in total Max 15 places | 8 January 15 January 22 January 29 January 5 February |
| Fri | Year 5 | Cooking | Miss Woolley | 5 sessions @£3.50 per session, £17.50 in total Max 15 places | |
| Fri | Year 4 | Bird watching | Mr Smithson | 5 sessions @£3.50 per session, £17.50 in total Max 8 places | |

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



Southdale

C of E Junior school

Shining like stars in the universe