

# Southdale SPARKLE

## Please give generously!

As a school we are raising funds for our amazing new MUGA pitch, and fantastic play equipment for our side playground. The work on the Muga pitch is due to start imminently!

To raise funds, we are holding our in-house Christmas Fair on Wednesday 1st December with lots of fantastic game stalls, hot dogs, popcorn, candy floss and the chance to meet Santa, who will be arriving on his sleigh! So that the grown-ups don't miss out on all the fun, there will be an on-line raffle. A new flyer with full details is on Parenthub.

The ever-popular Christmas Disco will be held Wednesday 8 December, again another fabulous fund-raising event.

The JLT have also selected the charities they want Southdale School to support this year, they are Wakefield Hospice, The local food bank and our sister school in Tanzania. Well done JLT, these are incredibly worthy causes.

*Thank you to all our families for their support with all of our fund-raising events.*



# YEAR 3



## Helping Henry!

This week, our role within the narrative completely changed and we found ourselves in a hospital setting, working as Health and Well-being Practitioners. A new patient has been admitted into our unit called Henry. Sadly, Henry has become addicted to eating books and is gravely ill. Believe it or not, his obsession was so out of control that he even stole books from the local library! Thankfully, he is now in the right place, and it is our job to help him recover!

In English, we have decided to write Henry's story to make other children aware of how obsessive behaviour can spiral out of control. In Science, we have been learning about the different food groups and the importance of eating a balanced diet as this is something that Henry definitely needs to learn.

# YEAR 4

## Kindness Grows



*A book about  
the power of  
kind words.*



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From writing our excellent descriptive stories in English, to mastering the A minor and F chord in our ukulele music lesson, this week, once again, has been an action-packed one in Y4. We've written to Greenpeace to highlight the plastic pollution problem encountered by our paper boat.. If that wasn't enough, we were also contacted by a neighbour of Coxley Woods. They got in touch yesterday, having seen us on our trip last week, and want us to investigate the flooding problem they continually have to deal with.

In Art, we looked at the climate change inspired, pastel drawing artist - Zaria Forman. We learnt all about her inspiration, analysed some of her work and had a go at replicating some of her pieces.

After reading the book 'Kindness Grows' in our whole school collective worship on Monday, we reflected on this story in our class worship. The book taught us all about the power of kind words. We discussed how much of a positive impact we can have if our response to adversity was kindness.

# YEAR 5



## The spooky Dark Mountains!

This week, Year 5 have explored the darker side of the land of Neverbelieve – using our washing lines and story plans to write a detailed description of the Spooky Dark Mountains. We have published these already and can't wait for the next step of our incredible journey!

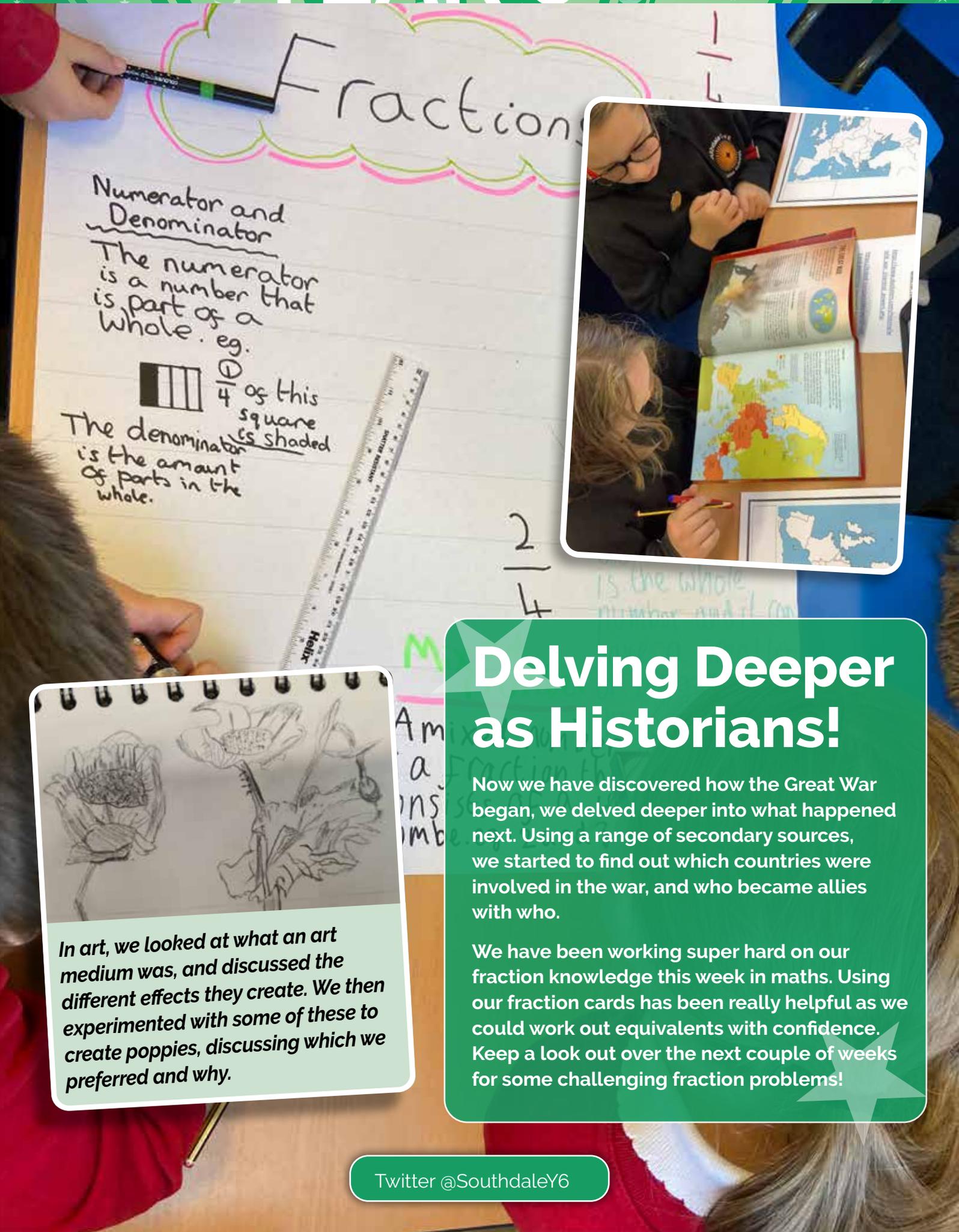
In PE, we have explored the apparatus and creating our own sequences using the core gymnastic positions. We have also been working on our superhero dance motifs, working at low, high and middle levels to add variety to our routines.

As musicians, we have really enjoyed learning some guitar basics – using the frets to create different sounds as we play. We have used these skills to perform a couple of short songs whilst reading musical notation!

In cooking, 5BR made a sumptuous vegetable chilli with wedges! Bon appetite!



# YEAR 6



Numerator and Denominator  
The numerator is a number that is part of a whole. eg.



$\frac{1}{4}$  of this square is shaded

The denominator is the amount of parts in the whole.

$$\frac{2}{4}$$

## Delving Deeper as Historians!

Now we have discovered how the Great War began, we delved deeper into what happened next. Using a range of secondary sources, we started to find out which countries were involved in the war, and who became allies with who.

We have been working super hard on our fraction knowledge this week in maths. Using our fraction cards has been really helpful as we could work out equivalents with confidence. Keep a look out over the next couple of weeks for some challenging fraction problems!

*In art, we looked at what an art medium was, and discussed the different effects they create. We then experimented with some of these to create poppies, discussing which we preferred and why.*

# THIS WEEK'S HOMEWORK

## Year 3

**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. Mrs Garnett has set up a Times Tables battle against the 3 classes. Children also have their weekly My Maths homework to complete..

*If your child has lost their login details, please email the class teacher for another copy.*

### Spelling

Please revise the spelling patterns we have learnt so far this term.

## Year 4

**Reading:** This is so important! Please continue to read with your child at home and ensure that they are reading for at least 20 minutes a day. We can really see the difference this is making for our children who are reading daily! We have plenty of fiction and non-fiction books linked to our narrative.

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

This week, we have set up a TTR battle between each of the three classes. Who's going to emerge victorious?

### Spelling pattern

Our new unit of spelling will focus on the 'chuh' sound spelt **-ture**. Please look at the definition of each word, and practise writing them out in sentences:

adventure

picture

capture

temperature

furniture

future

creature

nature

mixture

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**Maths:** Your child has homework set on MyMaths. Please ensure that this is completed by Wednesday of each week. If your child has forgotten their login details, please let us know.

### Spelling pattern

The prefix **'inter-'**

**I**nternational  
**I**ntercity  
**I**nteractive  
**I**nternet  
**I**nterrelate  
**I**ntermediate  
**I**nterlock  
**I**ntergalactic

## Year 6

**We are currently researching how World War One began. If you want to research any additional, interesting facts, then please do so!**

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

### Spelling pattern

The **'sh'** sound spelt **'ci'** or **'ti'**.

Practise these words by putting them into your own sentences.

Dict**i**onary  
Polit**i**cian  
Inact**i**on,  
Expl**an**ation  
Mus**i**cian  
Apprec**i**ate  
Internat**i**onal  
Especially  
Delic**i**ous

# THIS WEEK'S SPARKLERS

## Head Teachers Award



**Colin  
(6EZ)**

For your conscientious attitude towards all aspects of school life – you are a star!

## Special Mentions

3LS	<b>Oliver M</b>	For his focus and exceptional manners in every lesson. Well done Oliver.
3RG	<b>Lilly M</b>	You are trying so hard in everything that you do Lilly, and we have seen great progress since the start of Year 3. Keep it up!
3SG	<b>Isabelle Y</b>	For being an excellent role model in the classroom this week. You have truly stood out for your focused attitude and you have been a super learning partner too. Well done, Isabelle.
4AM	<b>Evelyn S</b>	For being an 'always' child. Always shining, always smiling and always trying your best. It never goes unnoticed. You are amazing!
4EB	<b>Thomas B</b>	For showing a growth mindset with something you found really tricky. With this mindset you can achieve anything!
4LH	<b>Owen M</b>	For changing your mindset and adopting a really positive approach. The way you are now reacting towards others is having a positive impact on everyone around you. Well done!
5BR	<b>Josh A</b>	For always being so conscientious with his work and taking pride in his work. I wish every book looked like yours Josh!
5FD	<b>Layla</b>	For showing kindness and generosity.
5MF	<b>Thomas B</b>	Having a super attitude to learning and a huge effort to improve your presentation!
6CS	<b>Max O</b>	For always giving everything 110% and never less. You take advantage of every opportunity to show your best learning and shine every minute of the day!
6EZ	<b>Rihanna</b>	For being super enthusiastic in her maths group. Keep up the fab work!
6ZR	<b>Teeghan N</b>	For always smiling in everything that you do – you are a ray of sunshine!

### TT ROCKSTARS

#### Most answered

1st	<b>Amelia S (5FD)</b>	<b>7610</b>
2nd	<b>Thomas B (5MF)</b>	<b>4552</b>
3rd	<b>Joshua S (6CS)</b>	<b>4072</b>

### TT ROCKSTARS

#### Most improved

1st	<b>Jenson F (4AM)</b>	<b>-7.59</b>
2nd	<b>Wilson C (3RG)</b>	<b>-7.51</b>
3rd	<b>Layla-May W (4EB)</b>	<b>-2.87</b>

# KEY DATES 2021-22

## Upcoming events

<b>1 December</b>	Christmas Fair
<b>2 December</b>	Sparkles Christmas Activity Day
<b>8 December</b>	Christmas Disco
<b>7 January 2022</b>	Young Voices, Sheffield Arena

Please note that **Tuesday 4 January** is no longer an inset day. This has been changed to **Friday 14 January**.

## Autumn Term 2021

<b>Monday 6 September</b>	School opens
<b>Thursday 21 October</b>	School closes for half term
<b>Friday 22 October</b>	School closed - Queen's platinum jubilee
<b>Monday 1 November</b>	INSET DAY
<b>Tuesday 2 November</b>	School opens
<b>Thursday 2 December</b>	INSET DAY
<b>Friday 17 December</b>	School closes for the Christmas Holidays

## Spring Term 2022

<b>Tuesday 4 January</b>	School opens
<b>Friday 14 January</b>	INSET DAY
<b>Friday 18 February</b>	School closes for half term
<b>Monday 28 February</b>	School opens
<b>Friday 8 April</b>	School closes for Easter Holidays

## Summer Term 2022

<b>Monday 25 April</b>	School opens
<b>Monday 2 May</b>	BANK HOLIDAY
<b>Friday 27 May</b>	School closes for half term
<b>Monday 6 June</b>	School opens
<b>Friday 22 July</b>	School closes for Summer Holidays
<b>Monday 25 July &amp; Tuesday 26 July</b>	INSET DAYS

# SAFEGUARDING TEAM



**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*